

# The Victoria Times

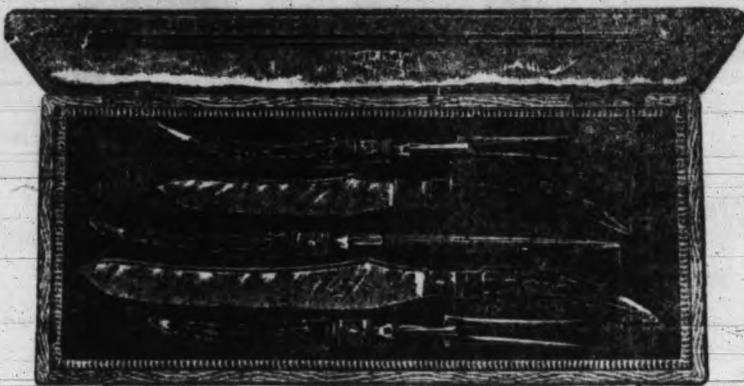




# The Ogilvie Hardware Co.

THE STORE FOR XMAS GIFTS OF QUALITY AND UTILITY.

IT'S A PUZZLE, PUZZLE—THINK, THINK—MY, WHAT A WORRY CHRISTMAS IS WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO BUY! THE BEST WAY TO SMOOTH OUT THE WRINKLES OF PERPLEXITY IS TO COME TO THIS STORE, WHERE IS DISPLAYED THE FINEST COLLECTION OF GIFTS THAT COMBINE BEAUTY, USEFULNESS AND PLEASURE TO BE FOUND IN THIS CITY.  
A Carving Set Always Makes a Most Acceptable Gift



INDIVIDUAL SETS (with or without Steel) . . . . . \$1.50 to \$3.00  
3-PIECE SET, in handsome cases . . . . . 2.50 to 16.00  
5-PIECE SETS (including game set) . . . . . 5.00 to 16.00  
FISH SETS in Oak Cases . . . . . 5.00 to 11.00  
PEARL HANDLE TEA SETS in Oak Cases . . . . . 12.00  
PEARL HANDLE OAK SETS in Oak Cases . . . . . 12.00 to 22.50  
TABLE AND DESSERT KNIVES in Sets . . . . . 22.50  
KNIVES, FORKS AND SPOONS, IN SETS OF DOZENS OR HALF DOZENS  
MAKE A USEFUL AND SERVICEABLE GIFT.



## TOOLS FOR THE BOY

We make a specialty of Carpenter's Tools, and carry a large stock, any of which would be appreciated by any boy attending training school.

## GIFTS FOR A MAN

MANICURE SETS . . . . . \$3.50 to \$12.00  
SAFETY RAZORS . . . . . 1.50 to 8.00  
SHAVING BRUSHES . . . . . 50 to 1.50  
RAZOR STROPS . . . . . 50 to 2.50  
SHAVING MUGS . . . . . 2.00  
ORD. RAZORS of best makes . . . . . 1.25 to 2.50

## POCKET KNIVES & SCISSORS

We have added another shipment of pocket knives, pocket scissors, embroidery scissors, etc., to our already large stock, any of which make a very useful and yet unexpensive gift.



## A FEW OTHER HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS

FIVE O'CLOCK TEA KETTLES  
SPIRIT LAMPS CHAFING DISHES  
CRUMB TRAYS AND BRUSHES  
NICKLE PLATED TRAYS  
OAK TRAYS  
COFFEE SPOONS IN SETS  
CAKE KNIVES, BUTTER KNIVES  
SUGAR SHELLS, BERRY SPOONS  
NUT CRACKERS, BERRY SPOONS  
NEEDLEWORK CASES  
COMPANION SETS  
SCISSORS IN SETS  
CARPET SWEEPERS  
CARPENTER'S TOOLS  
FANCY TEAPOTS  
COFFEE PERCOLATORS.



With every purchase of \$1 or over during the month of December we will make a present of an Ideal Skirt or Trouser's Hanger.

THE OGILVIE HARDWARE CO.

CORNER YATES and BROAD.

'PHONE 1120.

## Fancy Perfume Atomizers

From 75 Cents to \$8.00

## Fancy Perfume Bottles

Filled and Unfilled. All prices.

Make Our Store Your Headquarters While Doing Xmas Shopping.

## Campbell's Prescription Store

Corner Fort and Douglas Streets.

## 500 Tons of Coke Sold in Four Weeks.

A good thing sells itself that's why our sales are increasing every month.

## TRY A TON AT \$5 DELIVERED

And we are sure of your continued patronage.  
Coke makes a bright, hot fire, without smoke.

Tel. 123 **Victoria Gas Co., Ltd.**

## Native Port Wine, 35c per bottle California Port Wine, 50c. bottle

THESE ARE ESPECIALLY GOOD VALUE

## Windsor Grocery Company,

Opposite Post Office.

Government St.

## New PERFUMES Arrived

AT

## Fraser's DRUG STORE

Near Post Office.

## HOLIDAY SALE Great Variety of Japanese Fancy Goods

Handsome Carved Furniture, Satsuma, Cloisonne, Brass Ware and Ivory Work, Porcelain and Newly Patterned Lacquered Trays, Purse and Card Cases; also all kinds of Novelties in Curies, and toys.

SPECIAL REDUCTION DURING HOLIDAY MONTH.

## J. M. NAGANO CO.,

61 DOUGLAS STREET, Balmoral Block.

TEL. 1235

## CHRISTMAS BARGAINS

NAVEL ORANGES, dozen . . . . . 25c  
DATES, 3 packets for . . . . . 25c  
MIXED NUTS, lb. . . . . 20c  
HUNTLEY & PALMER'S MIXED BISCUITS, 2 lbs. for . . . . . 25c  
MIXED CANDIES, 2 lbs. for . . . . . 25c  
CHOICE FIGS, 3 packets for . . . . . 25c  
PORT WINES . . . . . 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00  
SHERRY WINE . . . . . 20c, 25c, \$1.00  
RYE, SCOTCH AND IRISH WHISKY . . . . . 55c, \$1.00, \$1.25

## The Saunders Grocery Co., Ltd.

PHONE 1 TRY THE OLD STORE JOHNSON ST.

## At Stoddart's Store

Notwithstanding the increased rate of Customs Duty on

## Foreign WATCHES JEWELLERY and SILVERWARE

We have purchased before, will sell at old prices  
**Less 10 per cent**  
All Goods Ticketed.

## LOCAL NEWS.

—Lovely Saxony wool fascinators and shawls, very choice, Robinson's.

—Pennock, the jeweler, is selling diamonds this Xmas at last Xmas prices, 74 Yates street.

—At Wenger's jewelry removal sale, 15 to 30 per cent discount, 90 Government street.

—George H. Goebel, a national organizer of the Socialist party of the United States, will deliver a lecture in Victoria on Friday evening, January 4th. Mr. Goebel has a wide reputation as an able speaker, and is well informed on the subject of Socialism.

—Advices have been received that two par loads of the eastern turkeys which have been delayed in transit west will reach Victoria to-morrow night. This will leave the birds here in good time for the Christmas trade. Those delayed will arrive on time for the New Year's trade.

—On Thursday evening the members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church choir met at the home of Mrs. Stancand and presented their leader, Jesse Longfield, with a ebony gold-mounted baton suitably inscribed. After the presentation the evening was spent in social enjoyment.

—On Sunday morning a children's service will be held in the Church of Our Lord, when the Sunday school scholars will sing carols and hymns appropriate to the occasion, and an address will be given by Rev. T. W. Gladstone on "The Wonderful Baby." The attendance of parents of scholars is especially invited.

—G. Jennings Burnett, organist of St. John's church, is responsible for a musical composition to which will be set the words of the world famous hymn, commencing "It came upon the midnight clear." He has entitled it "The Angel's Song," and it will be sung to-morrow evening at St. John's church by Miss Nisbet and others.

## UNPARALLELED CHRISTMAS TRADE

IN THE HISTORY OF DAVID SPENCER LTD.

Values Never So Good With Prices Well Marked Down—Unique Attractions For All.

To undertake an account of the "doings" at Spencer's this year is a task that can scarcely be accomplished through the columns of a newspaper, with so much to narrate in such restricted space.

The first impressions one sustains upon entering this big store are the decorations and the festive conditions that prevail wherever the eye rests. The decorations have certainly the most artistic and effective to be seen anywhere. Rectangular, lattice-work of white enameled wood with realistic foliage entwined and dainty peeps of different colored roses form the staple of a unique decoration. From the ceiling hanging in graceful curves are chains of roses in all conceivable colors, intermingled with the merry Christmas bells. But the decorations are seen to their best advantage at night more especially from the third floor, for in addition to the ordinary brilliant illuminations there springs into existence myriads of colored electric drops and Japanese lanterns, which shed their Oriental shade in pleasing contrast. It is "Fairland" at Spencer's, and the realistic effects have been produced through the art and craft of Albert Laurence, whose propensities in this direction are really enviable. The show windows have reached a stage of perfection, but on Broad street especially has the hand of genius again been at work, and produced results that form the magnet for hundreds daily. It is the same simple story, but rehearsed in the most vivid manner possible. In one window a youngster have fallen asleep after a space of restless but joyful anticipation. Their happy expressions show that Santa Claus constitutes their little nightmare, unmineral of the fact that the good fellow is fast completing his old time mission of filling stockings and crowding children's dreams "wherever space admits." Christmas morning has broken, little feverish hands have unravelled everything the good Father has left, and the little folks are laying them out for fond inspection.

The next scene is the due appearance at church, where frosty snowy paths are traversed to the little church, realistically depicted on canvas in the background; and then the Christmas dinner amidst surroundings that spell comfort and ease. The lady of the house is completing those feminine touches which only the gentler sex can complete. It matters little which department the visitor enters, there is the same bee-hive enthusiasm. Yet whatever the pressure this extra heavy season entails, the machinery of each department, under capable guiding hands, runs just as smoothly as upon the most ordinary occasions. From the basement to the roof there are gifts within the reach of everyone's means to either satisfy the connoisseur or the most humble aspirant. To enumerate each department's annual attractions would be almost impossible, but never in the history of this store have the goods appeared so numerous, so attractive and at such popular prices. The hazaar and fancy fair abounds in everything that can possibly delight the youngsters—dolls, galore, games, all the latest mechanical toys that human ingenuity can devise, whilst to older folks the mere of gifts can satisfy the whims and fancies of the school boy to his paternal grandfather, or the school girl to her maternal grandmother.

The enterprise of this big store is apparent on every hand—courteousness and attention by its army of assistants prevails everywhere; rest and refreshment is meted out from a prettily draped Oriental tea room, whilst the strains of music from Spencer's orchestra complete harmonious scenes worthy of the greatest store of the West. Without doubt this firm's enterprise has overlooked neither anything nor anybody, and no one can afford to overlook Spencer's as they exist at Xmas, 1906.

## Victoria's Quality Store

Cockburn's Fine Old Port, per bottle . . . . . \$1.50  
Cockburn's Superior Port, per bottle . . . . . 1.25  
Bell's Quality Port, per bottle . . . . . 1.50  
Bell's V. O. P. Port, per bottle . . . . . 1.50  
Duff Gordon Vine de Porto Sherry, per bottle . . . . . 2.50  
Duff Gordon Vine de Porto Sherry, per bottle . . . . . 1.50  
Duff Gordon Dry Sherry, per bottle . . . . . 1.00  
Barton & Guester St. Julien, quart, per bottle . . . . . .55  
Barton & Guester St. Julien, pints, per bottle . . . . . .35  
Adel Seward Chateau Talbot, quart, per bottle . . . . . 1.25  
Adel Seward Chateau Talbot, pints, per bottle . . . . . .75  
P. Schmidt's Chateau La Rose, quart, per bottle . . . . . .65  
Zinfandel Claret, per bottle . . . . . .35  
Blue Ribbon Beer, quart . . . . . .25  
Blue Ribbon Beer, pints . . . . . .25

## FELL & CO., LTD

Telephones 279 and 94.

49 Fort Street

## LUMBER

### Dressed and Undressed

Any orders placed with us will receive prompt attention. Satisfaction guaranteed. Substantial discounts for cash.

## Taylor-Pattison Mill Company

Phone 564. Foot of Garbally Rd. Three Blocks off Douglas Street Car.

## FARMS

19 ACRES—Millbrae, Millstream, 7 miles out, 5 room house, 30 apple trees, 50 strawberries, 10 acres cleared, 15 slashed, a bargain, \$5,000.

27 ACRES—South Saanich, 50 acres cleared, barn and stable, stabling for 22 cows, 14 story house, 4 rooms and pantry, granary, chicken houses, etc., about 200 feet frontage Saanich Arm, \$50 per acre.

23 ACRES—Metchoin District, All cattle ranch, \$4,000.

## LOTS

2 LOTS—Corner Dallas road and Beacon Hill Park, \$5,000.

1 LOT—Corner Superior and Birdcage Walk, \$12,000.

4 LOTS—Oakland Estate, \$100 each.

CORNER—Flagstaff and Douglas streets, west side.

THIRTY-TWO FEET—On Douglas street, CORNER—Douglas and Flagstaff east side.

CORNER—Fort and Quadra streets, 3 houses, always occupied, \$10,000.

## HOUSES

5 ROOM HOUSE—James street, lot 6x15, \$3,250.

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5 ROOM HOUSE—Chatham street, lot 4x12, \$3,100.

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## Musical Favorites For Christmas

MUSIC CARRIERS, beautifully finished in leather and alligator skins. Prices from . . . 65c to \$7.00

VIOLIN OUTFITS, including a violin, 1 case, 1 bow, resin, etc. Prices from . . . . . \$4.50 to \$15.00

SHEET MUSIC and MUSIC BOOKS. These make the finest Xmas presents that one could wish for. Our stock is always complete and up-to-date.

TALKING MACHINES. We carry complete stocks of the following: Edison Phonographs, Zonophones, Talkophones, and a few second-hand bargains. Prices from . . . . . \$4.50 to \$85.00

RECORDS. We have a large and complete stock of disc and cylinder records. A few 35c disc records still left.

ACCORDEONS, BANJOS, MANDOLINS, AUTO HARPS, RECORD CABINETS, ETC., AT ALL PRICES—TERMS TO SUIT EVERYBODY OLDEST AND BEST ESTABLISHED 1862

## M. W. Waitt & Co.

LIMITED

44 Government Street.

## BEFORE BUYING

## Christmas Presents

CALL AND INSPECT OUR

## English Cutlery

And get prices. Carvers with and without case, Pocket Knives, Razors, Silver Plated Forks, Spoons, etc., etc.

## The Walter S. Fraser Co. Ltd

VICTORIA, B. C. CORNER WHARF AND BASTION STREETS.

—The Christmas gathering of the Sunday school will be held in Harmony hall, View street, to-morrow at 10 a.m. Special music and a talk to parents and scholars by A. J. Brace, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. All interested in mission work are specially invited. The Bible class will meet at 11:15 a.m. There will be a gospel service at 1 p.m., also on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Thursday at 7:30 p.m. the Sunday school Christmas tree.

## Visit Rendell's POOL and BILLIARD PARLORS

Next New Grand Theatre, upstairs.





## Christmas Offerings

Christmas shoppers should not fail to pay us a visit, as a glance at our windows will reveal a bewildering array of beautiful rings, brooches, clocks and silverware, suitable for dainty presents.

A large percentage of these goods has only just arrived from the best houses, and as special care was taken in selecting them, anyone wishing to please a relative or friend is invited to call, when we shall be pleased to show anything our visitors fancy.

We have a splendid line of ladies' hand bags, purses, handkerchiefs and glove cases, of the latest patterns, and as these are selling rapidly, intending purchasers should call early.

A handsome ring is always highly valued by a lady, and we have a splendid selection of diamond and other gem rings, marked at the lowest possible prices. They are universally admired, and any gentleman in doubt about a nice present might come and inspect these beautiful rings.

**C. E. REDFERN, 43 Govt. St.**

TELEPHONE 118

P. O. BOX 28

## CLOSING-OUT SALE--30 to 50 Per Cent. Off

### CHINESE JAPANESE FANCY GOODS

Magnificent Display of Xmas Presents. Novelties in all kinds of Chinese and Japanese Silk and Linen, drawn Work and Embroidered Goods. Come and select your Presents, Fire Crackers, and Curses.



106 Govt. St.  
near Yates

**CANTON BAZAAR**

## PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

**Mme. Schumann Heink**

The World's Greatest Contralto.

**Victoria Theatre January 9.**

## NATIONAL DEFENCE.

Attorney-General of United States Plea For Support.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—Charles J. Bonaparte, attorney-general of the United States, delivered an address at the Academy of Music here to-night. His subject was peace and armament. He made a plea for adequate national support for preparedness for self-defence. After vividly describing the changed conditions of the United States as to peace and war between this and Washington's time, he said: "I ask, then, of all thoughtful and patriotic citizens their aid to my successor in the great department of our federal government, until lately in my keeping, and to his colleague in the administration of the sister service, and most of all to the commander-in-chief of our forces, on land and sea, under the constitution, in assuring our country's peace by maintaining her strength for war. I ask for congress a hearty support from public opinion in a liberal provision for the national defence, and, moreover, a loud and clear assurance of such support to drown the clamors of self-interest, of delusion, of prejudice or parsimony in dealing with this great question, and, as with the world's approval, the noble title of 'peace maker' has been bestowed upon our first public servant, I ask that the nation be qualified for a like honor in the just judgment of mankind by giving such strength as may gain for her the peace of righteousness."

## ROSSLAND CARNIVAL.

Three Thousand Dollars Will Be Offered as Prizes.

Rossland, B. C., Dec. 21.—The winter carnival committee has fixed the opening date as Tuesday, January 23rd, the festival continues for a period of four days. Three thousand dollars will be hung up for prizes. One of the chief events will be the championship ski jumping. The present holder of the ski championship is George Noren, who last year jumped 67 feet. It is expected that there will be ski jumpers here from all over Canada and the northern portion of the United States to participate in the struggle for the championship ski event. The committee has put up a trophy this year to be competed for by hockey teams from all over Canada and the United States for the championship of British Columbia. There will be at least five competing teams from towns in Southern British Columbia. It is intended to make the carnival on this occasion greater than ever.

## RUSSIAN ELECTIONS.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—An Imperial decree issued to-day fixed February 19th as the date for the parliamentary election.

It was officially announced to-day that before January 14th the government will redeem at their full value all short term bonds or Imperial rentes issued both in Russia and abroad.

The great wall of China will soon be undermined in one place by a railway tunnel.

Of the violent deaths it was caused by accident, by murder, and by suicide.

## SHILLING CABLE WITHIN EMPIRE

ADVOCATED BY THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

To Mine Bed of Lake Cobalt--Lawyer Spent Twenty Minutes in Cell For Contempt.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—At the annual banquet of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association last night, Premier Gouin announced that the commercial travellers' tax would be repealed at the next meeting of the legislature. Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, postmaster-general, said that if he got the necessary support, before many months there would be "an intellectual preference in the cheap postage on periodicals from Great Britain." He also advocated a shilling cable to all parts of the empire.

## Mining in Ontario.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Pellatt & Pellatt, of Toronto, have secured the right from the Ontario government to drain Cobalt lake and mine the bed, which covers an area of 1,000 acres. The company is interested in the enterprise. A mineral lease of the Ontario and Temiskaming railway right-of-way was let to-day to Miller, Ferguson & Hunter, of Toronto, and F. A. Beaumont, of Ottawa, at \$38,100 and 25 per cent royalty on all ores taken out.

## Funerals Stand By.

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 21.—The steamer Ionic is reported from Middleton, but a snowstorm is blowing up. It is deemed advisable to have help at hand in case of stress of weather or any other untoward event, and two tug-boats left here this afternoon to proceed down shore and escort the steamer on its way to port. The Ionic left the Soo on Saturday last and has been keeping to the north shore in tow of the tug Philadelphia. She has cargo of general merchandise, consigned largely to the West.

## Celebration at Regina.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 21.—Regina citizens will celebrate their annual meeting with an elaborate banquet, at which it is expected 150 sisters with their wives will see the old year out on December 21st.

## Twenty Minutes Enough.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—"If that remark is impertinent, the court favors the police," said Mr. O'Connell, barrister, at Peterboro yesterday while defending a young man named McGee, charged with assaulting the police. "Order," said Magistrate Dumble. The magistrate went on to say he would not allow any

one to address him like that, and Mr. O'Connell must either apologise or go to jail. The lawyer refused to apologise and was immediately arrested and locked up. Twenty minutes in the cell were enough, however. He then made his submission to the magistrate and was released.

## Prefers to Die.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 21.—Condemned to be hanged in the Regina jail on January 18th for the murder of Barrett Henderson, a wealthy Prince Edward Islander, Joseph Gilbert strenuously objects to efforts being made by his lawyers to secure a commutation to life imprisonment on account of his old age. He prefers the rope to languishing in prison.

## Death of Mrs. Gaetz.

Calgary, Alta., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Gaetz, wife of Rev. Dr. Gaetz, of Red Deer, died very suddenly from heart failure last evening. She had been in her usual health during the day, had eaten a hearty supper, and died while sitting in a chair reading, and without uttering a word. Dr. Gaetz heard a slight sound from the next room, but his wife was gone before he reached her. Mrs. Gaetz was a historic character in Central Alberta. She was born in Nova Scotia. Her maiden name was Carrie Hamilton. She was a devoted helpmate to her husband in ministerial labors in Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, London, Hamilton, Winnipeg, Brandon and other Canadian Methodist charges. On the failure of Mr. Gaetz's health, she, with her large family, settled in an almost uninhabited part of the country and endured all the privations of pioneer life, and which were a great contrast to her former experiences.

The sons living are Ray L. Gaetz, of Smith & Gaetz, Red Deer; Mayor-elect H. H. Gaetz, of Red Deer; C. W. Gaetz, of Leduc; F. W. Gaetz, G. F. Gaetz and L. W. Gaetz, of Red Deer.

## Commissioner Resigns.

Leithbridge, Alta., Dec. 21.—After 21 years' continual service, C. A. McGrath has resigned as land commissioner of the Alberta Railway and Irrigation Company, the resignation to take effect on January 17th.

## Not Guilty.

Brampton, Ont., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Alice Carey, on trial three days for the murder of an infant at Port Credit last winter, was declared not guilty by the jury to-night.

## Empress of Ireland.

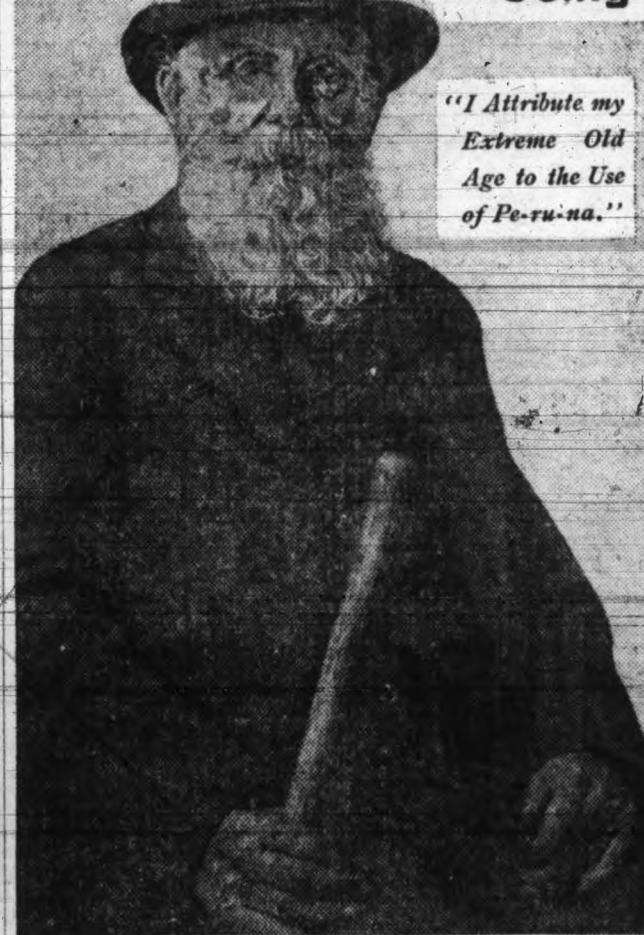
Halifax, Dec. 21.—C. P. R. steamer Empress of Ireland arrived here last evening with the British mails and four hundred passengers. The seas at times washed over the vessel, but the ship behaved splendidly.

## JAPS KILLED BY FALLING TREE.

South Bend, Wash., Dec. 20.—Two Japanese laborers were instantly killed and three badly injured in an accident last night at Kalb Gilbert's logging camp near here. A dead tree had been blown across their bunkhouse where they were sleeping, and killing two outright, injured two seriously and a third probably fatally. One man is in the hospital here, and his chances for recovery are slight.

# THE OLDEST MAN IN AMERICA

Escaped the Terrors of Many Winters By Using Pe-ru-na.



Mr. Isaac Brock, 117 Years Old Last Birthday.

ISAAC BROCK, a citizen of McLennan county, Texas, has lived for 117 years. For many years he has resided at Bosque Falls, eighteen miles west of Waco, but now lives with his son-in-law at Valley Mills, Texas. Some time ago, by request, Uncle Isaac came to Waco and sat for his picture, holding in his hand a stick cut from the grave of General Andrew Jackson. Mr. Brock is a dignified old gentleman, showing few signs of decrepitude. His family Bible is still preserved, and it shows that the date of his birth was written 117 years ago.

Born before the United States were formed. Saw 22 Presidents elected. Pe-ru-na has protected him from all sudden changes. Veteran of four wars. Shot a horse when 99 years old. Always conquered the grip with Pe-ru-na. Witness in a land suit at the age of 107 years. Believes Pe-ru-na the greatest remedy of the age for catarrhal troubles.

"I attribute my Extreme Old Age to the Use of Pe-ru-na."

In speaking of his good health and extreme old age, Mr. Brock says: "After a man has lived in the world as long as I have, he ought to have found out a great many things by experience. I think I have done so."

"One of the things I have found out to my entire satisfaction is the proper thing for ailments that are due directly to the effects of the climate. For 117 years I have withstood the changeable climate of the United States."

"I have always been a very healthy man, but, of course, subject to the affections which are due to sudden changes in the climate and temperature. During my long life I have known a great many remedies for coughs, colds and diarrhoea."

"As for Dr. Hartman's remedy, Peruna, I have found it to be the best, if not the only, reliable remedy for these affections. It has been my standby for many years, and I attribute my good health and extreme old age to this remedy."

"It exactly meets all my requirements. It protects me from the evil effects of sudden changes; it keeps me in good appetite; it gives me strength; it keeps my blood in good circulation. I have come to rely upon it almost entirely for the many little things for which I need medicine."

"When epidemics of la grippe first began to make their appearance in this country I was a sufferer from this disease."

"I had several long slogs with the grip. At first I did not know that Peruna was a remedy for this disease. When I heard that la grippe was epidemic catarrh, I tried Peruna for la grippe and found it to be just the thing."

In a later letter, Mr. Brock writes: "I am well and feeling as well as I have for years. The only thing that bothers me is my sight. If I could see better I could walk all over the farm, and it would do me good. I would not be without Peruna."

Yours truly,  
Isaac Brock.  
When old age comes, it brings with it catarrhal diseases. Systemic catarrh is almost universal in old people. This explains why Peruna has become so indispensable to many old people.

# CAMPBELL'S CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

LATEST FASHIONS AT LEAST MONEY

## Our Gloves

We only keep the best and guarantee every pair.

Dent's Special, per pair, \$1.00  
Genuine French Kid, per pair, \$1.00  
Maggioli Gloves, per pair, \$1.50  
English Cape Gloves, per pair, \$1.00  
Rouillon, best suede, per pair, \$1.50  
Long Evening Gloves, suede and lace, best Paris makes, at \$1.75, \$2.25, \$2.50



## HANDKERCHIEFS

Nothing to equal them in this city; newest designs, latest styles.  
Shower Linen, with the fashionable small hemstitched border, extra good quality, each, \$1.00.  
Hemstitched Embroidered, the new Forget-Me-Not and other new designs, each, \$1.00.  
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## CHRISTMAS.

Christmas Day, the holiday that is more generally celebrated than any festival of the year, and which is approached also in a very different spirit from any of the other festivals in the calendars of nations, is yet a couple of days in the future, but the Christmas spirit is abroad and is manifest in the household and in the streets. In the homes which are not too far advanced to be out of harmony with the spirit of the event which transpired at Bethlehem—and there are a few of them yet in Victoria—there have been certain mysterious movements of late, secret conferences amongst grown-up members of the family, hasty locking of closet doors that were never known to have been sealed before, and conditions of sustained strategy indicative to the wondering and impressionable mind of childhood of impending events of considerable importance. On the public thoroughfares also there is ample evidence of the prevalence of the spirit of goodwill characteristic of approaching Christmas. The grasp of the friendly hand is warmer and the countenances of mere "speaking acquaintances" beam with seasonable benevolence. This is as it ought to be and as we hope it may continue while the race shall endure. It is good for us all that for one brief season in the year we are compelled to dismiss from our minds matters that are really non-essentials, to forget the heart-hardening and the soul-destroying ambitions of life, and to participate in the doings which are characteristic of the Christmas season. We are quite sure there are few in Victoria who have completely lost their capacity for participation in the celebration of the event of all events, and of such tremendous significance to us all.

Under the influence of the season we feel constrained to make a confession. Our dear but delusive friend the Premier of British Columbia, his no less dear but misleading friend the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and our dear but deluded contemporary the "Colonist," may for a few days lay all the claims they please to having been instrumental in the promotion of the prosperity that reigns to-day in British Columbia, and which enables us to celebrate the Christmas season in a spirit of comparative freedom from care for the future. Our merchants and manufacturers are doing a greater volume of business than they ever did before, population is pouring in and property is increasing in value, there is work for every one to do who desires to earn his bread in honest, honorable labor, even the lawyers have cases on their hands (which is something some one will eventually regret), our own circulation and advertising patronage are rapidly increasing, as this Christmas edition testifies, there are fewer persons in our midst dependent upon benevolence for the material comforts of the season than in any other portion of the world—therefore there is every reason why we should be happy in heart, thankful in disposition and joyful of countenance at this time. As Tiny Tim or some other Dickens character said once upon a time, "God Bless Us All!"

Five years is not a long time in the life of a nation. Still great changes have been known to take place within a much shorter time, and we cannot see that there is any profit to be made out of speculation as to what may come to pass in the relations between the United States and Japan within "from five to twenty-five years." There is just this to be said: The Japs fear the face of neither individuals nor of collections of individuals constituting nations. The Americans firmly believe and often boastfully say that they can "whip creation." When two nations imbued with such a spirit rub up against each other in anger, no one can tell with certainty what may happen within less than five years. Wars generally commence without warning.

The Minister of Justice has evidently been seriously considering the propriety of prosecuting Mr. Joseph Pope, the politician who at Nelson, on a McBridge platform, stated that judgeships in British Columbia had been bought for a price. But after looking into the matter the minister has concluded that "as there does not appear to be any defamatory character of any individual person in either the verbal or written statements which have been made, I do not see how it would be possible to support legal proceedings, either criminal or civil, against any man reckless enough to make such allegations."

## OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

No small portion of the attractiveness of this, the Christmas edition of the Times, is due to the effective illustrations which adorn the text. The color pages particularly are striking, and when the limitations of a fast stereotyping press are taken into consideration, a great deal of credit is due illustrators and engravers for the part they have played in the general scheme. It is perhaps needless to say that every cut in this issue, both in color and in plain half tone, was produced in the Times building, the B. C. Engraving Company, a subsidiary company to the Times, having executed the designs and cuts.

It is no small satisfaction to feel that

nowhere between this city and Toronto can better work be turned out in either high class engraving for magazine work or in the coarser grade for newspaper use than by the B. C. Engraving Company of this city.

## BUSINESS OF NEW LINE IMPROVING

## PONDO BRINGS BIG CARGO FROM SOUTH

Second Voyage of Steamship In New Zealand Service Marks Important Development.

On her second voyage in the service of the Canadian-New Zealand steamship line the Alsey liner Pondo, Capt. L. Ryder Large, arrived this morning after a passage lasting since the 26th of last month, which was the date of sailing from Wilmington. Capt. Large reports an average passage.

During the trip a German named John Helm was drowned. He was a boatswain, and was on deck when he lost his footing and fell overboard. Fellow members of the crew saw the accident, and sounded the alarm, "a man overboard," the ship was promptly stopped and a boat lowered. A search was made for the unfortunate boatswain, but he could not be found. Being unable to swim he sank quickly out of sight.

Although not a passenger ship, the Pondo landed three men, who had worked their passage north from New Zealand. They secreted themselves aboard, and when apprehended as stowaways were made work their passage. They proved, however, to be willing for work, and having attentively looked after their duty were given their freedom here.

The Pondo brought 1,500 tons of general freight, the most of which she will land at Vancouver. This freight, the captain pointed out, stood in striking contrast to that which the ship had on her first voyage. Then she had hardly any cargo, and the subsidies which the line will receive from the Canadian and New Zealand governments would not begin to cover the losses in operating expenses which the inauguration of the service will entail. But business has greatly improved since that time, said the captain, and he thinks it will not be long before additional ships have to be made to the line. In New Zealand commercial connections are being developed, and the cargo which the Pondo brought stands in eloquent illustration of the successful efforts which are being put forth to expand the trade.

## KESTREL VISITS PORT.

D. G. S. Kestrel, Capt. Walbran, arrived in Esquimalt last evening after a cruise in the north. The captain reports extremely bad weather. One night that the Themis went on shore, he says, was the worst experienced in those latitudes for many years. At the time of the wreck the Kestrel was within twenty miles of the Themis. An unknown rock reported in Fife Sound was searched for by the captain. In the place where it was said to be he found 112 fathoms, and as the vessel was in danger of collision, he was forced to alter course. The skipper does not consider that it exists. The Kestrel leaves early to-morrow morning for Vancouver.

## GAS BUOYS AND BEACONS.

A dispatch from Ottawa says the four gas buoys for the vicinity of Prince Rupert cost \$3,000 each, and two gas beacons \$1,500 each. The buoys will be placed off Kestrel rock, Barrett ledge and Bird rock, and the beacons near coast islands. These buoys are now in Ottawa and work automatically, require little attention and give an excellent light.

## MANY GOING SOUTH.

On the steamer City of Puebla, which sailed for San Francisco last evening, there were 120 passengers for the Golden Gate who embarked at Victoria. Of these many were on their way south for the holidays, while the major number had come from Australia and England, and were going to San Francisco to look for work, having been attracted thither by the reports of great opportunities in that city.

## MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Kagu Maru sailed from the outer wharf at 3 p. m. yesterday for Hongkong. She had a big cargo and carried heavy shipments of cotton and machinery, the total weight being 6,000 tons. The steamer had 12 saloon and 171 steerage passengers, of whom 20 were embarked here. The day before sailing from Seattle, Sakaki Gaze, one of the Japanese cabin boys, fell from the steamer and was drowned between the liner and the dock at Smith's Cove.

Puget Sound tug boat operators, advancing the theory that expenses are high and prices for towing low, have been too low for profit, have been a few days ago and decided to raise the towage rates of 16¢.

The British ship Dundee passed up to Vancouver yesterday, where she will load at the Hastings mill for the United Kingdom. The ship arrived at Port Angeles from Valparaiso late on Wednesday night.

D. G. S. Quadra, Capt. Hackett, returned from Pachen Point last evening, where she went to land a cargo of lumber. Fine weather favored the work, and the ship returned at an earlier date than was expected.

R. M. S. Empress of Japan left Hongkong en route to this port on the 20th inst.

C. P. R. steamer Athapian, from the Orient, arrived at quarantine this afternoon.

The Empress of Britain landed 1,220 passengers yesterday at St. John. The Lake Champlain left Liverpool at 4 p. m. yesterday.

Just escaped from Manitoba snow drifts; almost too late for Christmas trade. A consignment of ladies' and gents' fancy slippers. Come early to-night and Monday and get your choice. Will exchange after holiday. Watson shoe store, 65 Yates street.

## At the Eleventh Hour

WE ARE not justified in adding to the confusion of Christmas buying by issuing pages upon pages of advertising matter, in this, the largest and most interesting issue of "The Times!" Just step in and enjoy yourself and remember, neither anybody nor anything has been overlooked. See that the gifts are THE BEST, at the lowest possible price, and purchase them amidst surroundings that will exhilarate you and add a charm to the gifts purchased under such pleasant auspices!

Final and Heartiest Greetings to All!

DAVID SPENCER, Ltd.

## The Sands of Time Run Swiftly!

And so do your opportunities; the longer you delay in securing the best at the lowest price from the Greatest Store of the West. Secure your gifts to-night.

## LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

There are but very few of you who are not directly interested in the opposite sex. Quite a number of you would give "HER" or "HIM" a pair of Gloves if you knew the correct size and the color of their choice; quite a number of you would give something else if you knew what would exactly please. We are anxious that all should be pleased, and we have therefore solved this complex problem by the issue of "GLOVE SCRIP." Here is your opportunity to give just the very thing that personal choice selects. Secure one of these GLOVE SCRIPS to-day, to whatever amount you decide. Send it to either! All will then secure just THE VERY XMAS GIFT that is most desired from any one of our stores, either in Victoria, Vancouver or Nanaimo.

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Ladies' White Silk Waist—Wide box pleat down front, eight rows of tucking on either side of front, elbow sleeves finished with tucked cuffs, fine tucking down back, with collar of same. Price ..... \$2.25

Ladies' White Silk Waist, wide large box pleat of hand embroidery, five rows of tucks on either side of front, tucked back, elbow sleeves finished with a cuff of fine tucking. Price ..... \$2.75

Ladies' White Silk Waist, with entire front made of fine tucking and Valenciennes insertion, six rows of tucking down either side of back, elbow sleeves finished with Valenciennes insertion edged with lace; lace collar. Price ..... \$3.00

Ladies' White and Colored Crepe de Chine Waists in all the newest shades, ranging in price from \$10.50 to ..... \$6.75

Ladies' White Silk Waist, with bias yoke extending front and back of fine tucking and insertion, body of waist attached to yoke with four rows of shirring, long shirred sleeves with deep cuff made of insertion and tucks, lace collar. Price ..... \$3.75

Ladies' White Silk Waist—Entire front made of narrow tucking, insertion and hand embroidery, six rows of tucking on either side of back, long sleeves with deep cuff of elbow of hand embroidery and lace insertion, lace collar. Price ..... \$5.00

Ladies' White Silk Waist, with front made of wide bands of hand embroidery edged on either side with Valenciennes insertion and fine tucks, back made of insertion and bias silk, elbow sleeves finished with wide insertion edged with lace, collar made of insertion and bias silk finished with an edging of lace. Price ..... \$5.00

## UMBRELLAS FORM PLEASING GIFTS

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Ladies' Black Silk Mixtures, assorted handles, each, \$3.50, \$2.50, up to ..... \$25.00

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New additions to our Christmas Curtain Stock have now arrived, especially in the following prices: Per pair, \$3.75, \$3.50, \$3.00, \$2.75, \$2.50, \$2.25, \$2.00, \$1.75, up to ..... \$22.50

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We have also in Irish Point Applique Swiss Curtains, various styles. Prices from \$25.00 to ..... \$2.50

## House Painting and Decorating Dept.

"Coming events cast their shadows before them." Real estate in the city of Victoria is booming. It is inevitable. As a recent announcement in the press of Winnipeg stated, "Victoria is the Los Angeles of Canada, the Empress City of the West, with no hard winters or hot summers." A warning to property owners, landlords, tenants, etc.

Thousands will flock to this city of prosperity before next spring. Be prepared for them and see that your properties are "in order." Do not delay until the spring, when the rush is upon us and all are busy. It will pay you to have your work done right now. Avoid depreciation and the dislocation of business when a good purchaser or tenant is viewing your premises, in hotels, private houses, boarding houses, furnished rooms, etc.

Our WALL PAPERS are exclusive in qualities and designs. The prices are the lowest to be found in this city of Victoria. Bear in mind always, all work is under the personal supervision of Mr. Paul Bergman. Only skilled labor employed, and our prices are worthy of the greatest business enterprise of the West. Consult us free.

## Candies for the Sweet

Presentation Boxes of Candy, from \$1.25 down to ..... 35c

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English Candies in Bottles—Special line made expressly for D. Spencer, Limited, by Terry & Sons, York. Each bottle ..... 25c

## The Very Inspiration!

A Delightful Gift to Be Obtained from Our Furniture Department

Just Arrived! Capital Line of Oak Buffets.

Highly Polished Quarter Cut Oak Buffet, with bevel mirror, three drawers and cupboard ..... \$26.00

Beautiful Quarter Cut Oak Buffet ..... \$36.00

Very Near Quarter Cut Oak Buffet, with china closet, glass front, bevel mirror ..... \$37.50

## The Tea of the Connoisseurs—Mem Sabs Tea

The Tea From High Altitudes—One of the choicest productions from the Eastern tea plantations. It is warranted pure India tea, blended by most skillful tea men, and is specially imported for David Spencer, Limited. Sold in packets at \$1, 75c, 50c and ..... 25c

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—On Thursday evening next a concert and dance will be held at the public hall, Esquimaux, by a company made up from the crews of the Egeria and Shearwater. A special car service will be provided for the occasion.

—A gift of gifts, a Morris chair. William Morris did not know the boon he was conferring on humanity when he invented the Morris chair for his wife. Could not choose a gift more certain of appreciation; no, not if you tried. Nor could you find a better collection were you to search all Canada than can be found in our showrooms. Splendid value, too. Smith & Champion, 109-102 Douglas street.

—The First Presbyterian church choir have prepared a very fine musical service for both morning and evening to-morrow. The following ladies and gentlemen will sing solos: At the morning service, Miss Wilson, Miss Cameron, Mrs. Gregson and J. G. Brown. Evening: Mrs. Wilson, Messrs. Breakey, Kinnaird and R. Morrison. Dr. Campbell's subjects will be "The Birth of Christ" and "Music and Hymnology of the Church."

—At the Victoria theatre last night, immediately after the conclusion of "The Governor's Wife," Assistant Manager Denham, on behalf of the staff of the theatre, presented a handsome elk horn smoking outfit to E. R. Rickets, the manager. The outfit was richly mounted with gold and consisted of two pieces, one being a large horn on which were set tobacco jars and a match holder, and the other a smaller horn, carrying a swinging brass censor. Mr. Denham extended to the manager the compliments of the season, and referred to the amicable relations existing between Mr. Rickets and the staff. In reply Mr. Rickets expressed mingled surprise and gratification, and said he was glad to have the goodwill of the staff. He was also pleased, he said, to hear that the managers of the different companies which had appeared at the local theatre had referred to the same factory treatment accorded to them.

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## OVER THE TEA TABLE

The officers of H. M. S. Egeria entertained a few of their young friends at a dance at the dockyard last night about ten couples were present.

Miss Aline Mackay left this morning for Thetis Island, where she will spend Christmas with Mrs. Burchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward, of Alberta, were in town during the week and have gone on to Westholme, where they will be for Christmas.

Major and Mrs. Barnes, of Westholme, are the guests of Lady Crease at "Penticlew."

Mrs. Loewen and the Misses Loewen expect to go to Europe in the near future.

The entertainment given by the children of St. Paul's Presbyterian Sunday school in Semple's hall, Victoria West, on Friday evening, was one of the most enjoyable ever held by the school. The programme was in charge of Miss Mary Hutchinson, assisted by Miss Nellie Tagg. The firm of Hutchinson Bros. supplied excellent calcium light effects. At the conclusion of a lengthy programme, consisting of songs, tableaux, recitations, drills, etc., which the children rendered most satisfactorily, reflecting great credit on their teacher, Miss Hutchinson, a tempting supper was served by the lady friends of the school. During the evening the pastor, Rev. D. MacRae, was presented with a gold-mounted umbrella by the Sunday school.

Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell, of Seattle, and Miss Fox, of London, Ontario, are in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Mitchell, Yates street, with whom they will remain throughout the holiday season.

On Thursday afternoon Mrs. George Gillespie entertained a large number of friends at a delightful tea at "Highwood." The tea table was placed in the front hall and was decorated with red carnations and sprigs of holly, which gave it a decided Christmas effect. Mrs. Gillespie, who received her guests in the drawing room, looked very handsome in a gown of spotted strapless dress, and her daughter, Miss Florence, who has recently returned

Blanchard street has been taken by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson, of Cowichan Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelby, of Seattle, are expected to arrive in the city on Monday. They will be the guests of Mrs. Warlock, Dallas road, and will remain throughout the holiday season.

The ladies' committee of the Protestant Orphanage are making arrangements for the annual Christmas tree and entertainment that is held at the Home every year. It is to be given on the afternoon of Friday, the 28th inst., and the ladies expect the usual generous donations for the tree and refreshments. As in former years, the children will provide the programme. They are now busily engaged rehearsing, and are looking for a great amount of enjoyment from Santa's visit to the Home.

Mr. Fred Lomas, of Duncan, spent several days of the past week in Victoria amongst his many friends.

Mrs. Captain Roberts, of Kuper Island, visited the Capital during part of this week.

The ladies of the Friendly Help Society spent three very busy days at their rooms in the Market building this week. Several of the members were there during Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, the days on which the last boxes were sent out. As usual Mr. McKicking was chairman of the Christmas committee and Mrs. Gould secretary. A very generous response was given to the appeal for gifts, especially from the school children, who contributed all kinds of delicacies, toys, books, clothing, etc. The city is divided into twenty-nine districts by this society, and each district is in charge of a lady visitor, so that all worthy cases are each year dealt with, especially at the Christmas season. Some of the ladies working for the society this week were: Mrs. Perrin, Mrs. McKicking, Miss Lawson, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. G. Powell, Mrs. Goodacre, Mrs. Gould, Mrs. McGregor, Mrs. Hardie, Mrs. (Rev.) M. McEae, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Blackwood, Mrs. W. S. Gore, Miss Woods, Mrs. Berkholder and Miss S. McDowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Draper, the former being freight agent for the C.P.R. in Seattle, are spending the Christmas holidays in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, of Winnipeg, arrived in Victoria a few days ago, and like so many others who visit the Prairie Capital are charmed with the city. They are making their headquarters at the Dallas while here.

Mrs. Alex. Calder, who arrived in the city from Winnipeg in company with Mr. Calder last week, expects to remain at Cherry Bank during the winter. Mr. Calder will return to his duties at Winnipeg after the holidays.

Mrs. Calder's daughter and grand daughter will be with her at Cherry Bank.

On Friday Miss Hicocks, Miss Maud Bone and Miss Gladys Green, a com-

mittee from the Daughters of Pitt,

with their assistants, were busily engaged at the Royal Jubilee hospital decorating the Christmas tree that is each year provided by the society and the Ladies' Auxiliary for the patients who are confined there at the holiday season. There are twenty more patients in the hospital this year at this season than on any previous year, but the public have been so very generous that the ladies hope to bring cheer to all. The tree will be given for a concert there for the benefit of the opening of the children's sun room promises to be very enjoyable. Mrs. Harry Pooley and the Misses Lugin will render vocal selections, and the Victoria Philharmonic orchestra provide instrumental numbers. On Christmas day the Arion Club have most kindly signified their intention of giving a concert there for the benefit of those who are confined in the institution, and on Sunday, the 30th inst., Professor Claudio and the Margaret Mandolin Club will delight the patients with a programme.

Master P. Acland arrived this week to spend the holidays with his mother and sister at Rosabella. He has been at Fort McLeod for most of the year with an Upper Canada college club. His father, F. A. Acland, western editor of the Globe at Winnipeg, will also spend Christmas with his family here.

The closing exercises in connection with Mrs. Blacklock's school, which is known as the Victoria Day school, took place in the A. O. U. W. hall, Yates street, on Wednesday evening, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends of the principal. After the school report was read by Canon Beaudin, a most attractive programme, which spoke very highly for the literary attainments of many of the pupils, was rendered. The Lord Bishop of Columbia occupied the chair. At the conclusion of the programme the guests were served with delicious refreshments, the tables being elegantly decorated with cut flowers, ferns and vines. The pupils who passed into higher grades with very creditable showings are as follows: Miss Gladys Pitts, head of school again this year as

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she was last. In the second class Marjorie Rorne and Marguerite Langley were almost a tie. Dorothy Dureck is another to make very creditable marks, as did also Miss Lillian Holden and Miss Daisy Wilson. Miss Sybil Bagshaw and David Raymur are also mentioned as bright pupils, but unfortunately were ill during examinations. Among others with creditable showings were Carol Eberts, Lucy Little, Jessie Prior, Isabella Wilson, Violet Moresby, Eric Burton, Ethel Rhodes, David Kerr, Rowland Kingham, Dorcas Wilson, Gypsey Ward, Oliver Pauline, Frank Rattenbury, Gordon Patterson, Arthur Nash and Frank Holland. Some of those contributing to the programme were Miss M. Langley, Miss M. Rowe, Miss G. Pitts, Miss D. Durick, Miss L. Holden, Miss E. Hannington, Miss S. Bagshaw, and Miss D. Ridgeway Wilson, who gave the Trial Scene from "The Merchant of Venice" in a masterly manner. "The Grecian Bend," a lighter production, was also well acted by Misses Rowe, Bagshaw, Hannington, Pitts, Durick, Jessie Prior and Nora Combe, and a French play well acted by Misses Jessie Prior, Lillian Holden, Carl Eberts, Iris Burton, Isabelle Wilson, Lucy Little, Daisy Ridgeway Wilson. Besides the above the following little Misses gave "The Snail and the Rose Tree" in a manner that charmed the large audience: Misses Gypsey Ward, Dorothy Edwards, Doris Wilson, Gyneth McPhillips, Margaret Pickell, Dorothy Kingham, Ethel Rhodes, Isabelle Wilson, Iris Burton, Violet Moresby, Lotie Day and Ernie Snider. After the programme the younger members of the audience indulged in a pleasant informal dance for a short time. Some very pretty costumes were noticed: Mrs. Blacklock in a black costume; Mrs. Rowe black with jet spangled bertha on corsage; Mrs. Perrin black net with sequins over tulle; Mrs. MacDonald black with touches of costly cream lace; Mrs. Fleet a blue silk costume with spangled effect; Mrs. McCallum a black gown with cream lace at corsage and sleeves; Mrs. Harry Pooley white; Miss Rorden cream silk with point lace bertha; Mrs. W. Langley a black costume with pale blue garniture; Miss Daisy Langley a black creation; Miss Bell a pale blue gown; Miss Perry an ivory white gown; Mrs. Courtney black mousline de sole; Miss Moresby a pink dress; Miss Genevieve Irving white; Miss Eberts a black spangled dress with touches of pale blue; Miss Muriel Hall a white gown; Mrs. Rattenbury a black costume; Mrs. Munn black with knot of fine red flowers; Mrs. Moresby a mauve dress; Mrs. Little gray; Mrs. W. S. Gore black with cream lace at corsage; Miss Powell black with old lace garniture; Miss Gaudin a black costume with jet spangles. Besides the above many other handsome gowns were in evidence, but space forbids mention of all. Among the guests were Bishop and Mrs. Perrin, Canon and Mrs. Beaulieu, Colonel and Mrs. Prior, Miss Gladys Perry, Miss Jessie Prior, Mrs. (Senator) MacDonald, Captain and Mrs. Fleet, Mrs. John Irving, Miss Genevieve Taylor, Mrs. Little, Miss Margaret Little, Miss Lucy Little, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Arbutnot, Miss Arbutnot, Mrs. James Raymur, Miss David Raymur, Mr. and Mrs. Pauline, Mr. and Mrs.

Joshua Kingham, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Courtney, Mr. and Mrs. Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Rattenbury, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Gore, Mr. Arthur Gore, Mrs. Savage, Miss Savage, Mrs. Vincent, the Misses Vincent, Miss Williams, The Misses Pitts, Mrs. Richard Jones, Miss Helmecken, Miss McTavish, Mrs. Hannington, Miss Hannington, Miss Bell, Mrs. Bell, Mr. Blanchard, Bell, Mrs. Harry Pooley, The Misses Gaudin, Mr. and Mrs. E. Crow Baker, Mrs. Clapham, Miss Clapham, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Rev. Mr. Ard, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Robertson, The Misses Robertson, Mrs. Sydney Gibbs, Miss Marjorie Rowe, Mr. McPhillips, Mrs. Holden, The Misses Holden, Mr. and Mrs. Ridgeway Wilson, Miss Mary Lawson, Mr. Muskett, Mr. Lowenberg, Mr. Morrell, Mr. Wm. Fisher, Mr. Colby, Mr. Camble, Mr. Rockfort and Mr. Mason.

Miss Boyley, of Duncan, spent several days in the city this week, a guest at the King Edward.

Mr. Meredith, who for some time has been identified with the Collegiate school, Belcher street, went to Vancouver on Wednesday's boat to spend his holidays at the Terminal City.

Mr. Bert Scholefield, of Westholme, was in the city part of this week. He was the guest of his brother, Mr. E. V. S. Scholefield, while here.

Mrs. A. P. Ellis, of Menzies street, left for California recently in order to recuperate after ill-health. She expects to remain three or four months in the south.

Captain and Mrs. Clive Phillips-Wolley are in town for the holidays. Mrs. Wolley has spent the entire week a guest at the Balmoral, but the Captain arrived from his island home on Thursday.

Owing partly to inclement weather and partly to some of the members being engaged for the evening, the Victoria Literary Society did not hold a meeting on Tuesday of this week and owing to the holiday season they have postponed further meetings until the third Tuesday in January.

As already stated in these columns the Alexandra Club intend holding their third guest day of this season on Thursday, the 27th, instead of Tuesday, as Christmas falls on that day. The hostesses for the day are Mrs. A. J. C. Galletley, Mrs. W. F. Burton and Mrs. Hugo Beaven. Members wishing to bring friends can procure cards at the club rooms on Government street. These functions are very delightful, and are becoming more popular each month, and it is expected that a very large gathering will be present on Thursday of next week.

Mrs. Newell Copeland, of Sidney, was in town during the greater part of this week. She made her headquarters at the Balmoral hotel.

Mrs. and Miss Spring has returned from a few days' holiday spent in the Sound cities.

Mrs. Angus Campbell, who has spent several weeks in California on account

of ill-health, returned home this week. She was accompanied by her sister-in-law, Miss Campbell. They are now quartered at the Balmoral hotel.

Mrs. F. G. Spencer, who has been in the city for some time the guest of her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. David Spencer, at "Lan Dierwen," expects to remain here during the time that her husband is touring with Madam Albani. It is his intention to leave in February, when Miss Charlotte Spencer also goes to join the celebrated singer.

LADY GAY.

THE WEATHER-WISE BROTHER. "How does you like dis warm weather in November?" "It's a dispensary or Providence," replied Br'er Williams. "An' what's a 'dispensary'?" "Dat's what you ain't ter know. You musn't inquire too curious into miscreants you don't understand!"—Atlanta Constitution.

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## FAMINE AND FLOODS IN CHINESE PROVINCES

Hundreds of Natives Are Dying—Starving People Throw Their Children Into the Water.

Steamer Trenton yesterday brought further news of the heavy loss of life which the famine is causing in the Chinese provinces of Anhui and Kiangsu. The famine is mainly the result of a flood which covers 40,000 square miles of territory, and has already worked great devastation among the 15,000,000 people who inhabited this territory.

Writing to Shanghai, Rev. T. F. McCrea appeals for urgent help in the following words: "Unless immediate relief be given eight to ten millions will experience famine and great numbers will perish. Hundreds are already dying of famine and fever. Some throw their children into the water and then commit suicide. Many are selling their children for almost nothing. Officials are forcing the famine sufferers with gunboats and soldiers to remain in the flooded districts, while famine is so completely food and they must starve. Disturbances are taking place and will become serious; the starving people feeling they may as well die by the sword as by starvation. There will be no relief until crops ripen next June, and the prospects are awful to contemplate."

### REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

List of Those Who Will Receive Certificates of Qualification—Number Granted Discharges.

The following regimental orders have been issued by Lieut.-Col. J. A. Hall, commanding the Fifth Regiment:

The following men, having qualified in the regimental school of instruction just concluded, will be issued certificates of qualification as under, the first two named receiving the cash prizes offered by the officers' mess: For sergeants, No. 130, Corporal R. L. Strachan, No. 20, Gunner W. Irving, No. 31, Acting Bombardier B. G. Prior, No. 215, Corporal J. P. Wheeler.

For corporals, No. 165, Corporal A. Richardson, No. 174, Gunner C. W. Kinloch, No. 255, W. Thrall, No. 233, V. Williams, No. 11, W. H. P. Sweeney, No. 41, J. R. Stanforth.

For bombardiers, No. 277, Gunner S. L. Willson, No. 238, W. C. Thompson, No. 203, W. S. Duncan.

The following men, having been unavoidably absent from the examinations, will be given an opportunity to be examined next month: No. 54, Corporal T. A. Ross, and No. 151, Bombardier W. H. Spofford.

The regular drill season will commence on January 7th, the company's drill nights being as heretofore: No. 3 Company on Mondays, No. 1 Company on Tuesdays, No. 2 Company on Wednesdays.

The following N. C. O.'s and men, having been granted their discharge, are struck off the strength of the regiment: No. 102, Company Quarter-Master-Sergeant C. E. Lawson; No. 128, Sergeant J. A. Anderson; No. 142, Gunner R. B. King; No. 121, Bombardier H. W. Sharpe; No. 148, Trumpeter John Lind; No. 175, Gunner A. Margison; No. 108, Gunner J. T. Croft; No. 144, Gunner J. A. McGregor; No. 197, Gunner K. B. Morrison, December 6th, 1906.

Under authority of district order No. 13 of December 18th, 1906, the drill hall will be closed from December 25th, 1906, to January 1st, 1907, inclusive.

By order,  
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Responding to the call made by President Roosevelt on E. H. Harriman to proceed to make a closure in the break in the bank of the Colorado river, repair trains were started toward the break before midnight last night.

Secretary Root and Sir Mortimer Durand have signed a supplementary article to the existing extradition treaty between the United States and Great Britain, including bribery in the list of extraditable crimes.

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Girls' Fine Boots, size 8-10 1-2 .....	\$1.25 up to \$2.00
Men's Blucher Cut Patent Boots, size 6-11 .....	\$2.25 up to \$5.50
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**EXERCISES HELD IN CITY SCHOOLS****IN CONNECTION WITH CLOSING YESTERDAY**

Presentation to Principal of North Ward School One of the Interesting Features.

Owing to the hour at which a number of the programmes were received it was impossible to mention more than a limited number of those given in connection with the closing of the city schools for the Christmas holidays yesterday. In North Ward school, after the exercises arranged for the day were concluded, an interesting gathering took place in the teachers' lunch room. The walls, prettily decorated by childish hands, were redolent of the Yuletide season. Many friends of the school attended the ceremony, and an interesting presentation was made to Principal Tait by the manual instructor. This took the form of a set of Macaulay's History of England, accompanied by the following address:

Leonard Tait, Esq., Principal of North Ward School: We, the assistant teachers of North Ward public school, desire to take advantage of the present occasion to express to you our deep appreciation of your executive ability as principal.

We would especially beg to present to you our sincere thanks for the very kind consideration always shown us in our work as well as for the assistance so freely rendered to us.

We would most respectfully ask you to accept this gift as a very slight token of our sincere regard and grateful appreciation of your many kindnesses to us. Allow us to wish you, Mrs. Tait and family, a very Merry Christmas.

(Sgd.) P. Waddington (manual instructor), C. A. Dowling, W. H. MacEwan, E. J. Murton, M. A. Bernice Pope, A. Laura Tingley, Phoebe E. Sprague, Catherine Chapman, E. Nida Walls.

N. W. S., Victoria, B.C., Dec. 21st, 1906.

**Victoria West.**

At the Victoria West school a lengthy programme was capably rendered by the youngsters. Encouraging and seasonable speeches were delivered by Trustee Riddell, Rev. E. C. Cooper, Rev. A. E. Roberts and Rev. D. MacRae. The programme follows:

Carol—Ring Ye Happy Xmas Bells.

Song—The Sandman Miss Saunders' Class.

Recitation—A Mortifying Mistake.

Dialogue—Santa's Honey Moon.

Duet—Noel.

Recitation—Where Are You Going, My Pretty Maid.

Song—Wash Day.

Dialogue—Mr. St. Nicholas.

Song—The First Xmas.

Recitation—Santa Claus.

Recitation—Santa Claus.

Song—Kiss Me, Boys of Dore.

Song—My Heart Is Set for Somebody.

Dialogue—Pumpkin Pie.

Song—Doll Song.

Dialogue—Hippety Hop.

Dialogue—Minnet.

Song—The Norseman.

God Save the King.

Hillside.

The Hillside school closing exercises proved a very interesting ceremony, and was enjoyed by a large number of parents. A feature of the entertainment was a dialogue entitled "Santa Claus Visit to the Mother Goose People." In this, costumed characters performed very creditably, and the dialogue was productive of much amusement among the little ones. John Cross impersonated Santa Claus, while Miss Gladys Johns acted the part of Old Mother Hubbard. The full programme was as follows:

Cyprus—When Granny's Ship Comes.

Recitation—What I Should Like.

Herbert Davey.

Recitation—What Is Ice.

Recitation—Christmas Morning.

Chorus—Autumn.

Recitation—Why.

Concert Recitation—In Bethlehem.

Chorus—Kiss Me, Boys of Dore.

Recitation—Spelling Kitten.

Dialogue—Christmas Gifts.

Kitty Hughes, Vera Steele, Lillian Smethurst.

Chorus—Don't You Remember.

Recitation—What Pussy Said.

Dialogue—The Busy Bee and the Idle Butterfly.

Ralph Dinsley, Archie McEachern, Warren Martin, Fred Gibson.

Recitation—The New Year.

Recitation—Who's Afraid in the Dark.

Chorus—Christmas Snowflakes.

Recitation—No. 1.

Recitation—A Christmas Wish.

Chorus—Christmas Bells.

Dialogue—Santa Claus Visit to the Mother Goose People.

Santa Claus, John Cross; recitation by George Wilson. Old Mother Hubbard, Gladys Johns; recitation by Leslie Carter.

Recitation by Earl Irvine and Ernest Davey; recitation by Frank Garland, Little Boy Blue, Jack Fulton; recitation by Willie Parker, Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary, Ruth McDonald; her four little maidens—Andrea, Nelson, Elsie, John.

Vernice Kiet, Florence Cole; recitation by Harry Wimmer, Tom, Tom, the Piper's Son, Falconer, Campbell; recitation by Geo. Malcolm, Little Jack Horner, Bertie Giles; recitation by Graham Hughes, Sleepy Head, Jessie Clayton; Sleepy Head's Mother, Christina White; recitation by Tupper Smith, Old King Cole, Fred Simpson; recitation by Claude Daly, Bo-Pop, Rita Burns; recitation by Mabel Ralph, Lucy Locket, Jessie Ferguson; recitation by Kate Horner, recitation by Thomas Smith, The Jolly Miller of the Dee, George Gibson; recitation by Claude Daly, Jack and Jill, Colin Campbell and Roberta Johns; recitation by Janet Post.

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**Girls' Central.**

Amongst those present at the closing exercises in connection with the Girls' Central school were the Bishop of Columbia, Rev. J. Stanley Ard, Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev. Baugh Allen, Rev. H. Carson and Trustee Riddell. An enjoyable programme was rendered, in which Miss Charlotte Spencer assisted by singing "The First Christmas Morn." Mr. Wollaston was also present and gave the selection, "Nazareth," in good voice.

**Spring Ridge.**

Miss Hart, the principal of the Spring Ridge school, was the recipient of a set of salt cellars and spoons presented by the pupils. A lengthy programme was got through, in which many choruses were rendered by the entire school. Canon Beauland was in the chair and Rev. E. G. Miller delivered an encouraging address.

**Lampson Street.**

A large number of friends and parents of the children attended the closing exercises at Lampson street school. Rev. W. Hicks was responsible for an invigorating speech, while a lengthy programme was admirably got through. Miss Hardie, who tendered her resignation as she will be soon married, was the recipient of a cut glass vase.

**SUB-DIVISION PLANS.**

City Council Held a Short Meeting Yesterday Afternoon to Discuss Matter.

After discussing for the third time the question of accepting or rejecting certain sub-division plans submitted to it the city council yesterday afternoon came to a decision. Of the six plans submitted for the division of the Fairfield farm estate four were accepted and the other two will be returned to the surveyors with recommendations for redrafting. The plans accepted were those for the division of lots 5, 6 and 21 of the Fairfield farm estate, and sections 1 and 1A, Victoria district. The two rejected plans were deemed unsuitable on account of the interference they would cause, if carried out, with the course of George and Amphion streets. When the plans are amended to continue the portions of these streets now existing they will be accepted by the council.

In regard to Linden avenue, the plans for which at first did not suit the aldermen, the council's wishes have been respected and plans were accepted at yesterday's meeting, which provide for a continuation of the thoroughfare to the waterfront. From its present ending to Richardson street it will be 60 feet in width and from that point on, 66 feet.

W. E. Oliver of the law firm of Oliver & Johnstone, James Anderson and V. Moresby, of Moresby & O'Leary, were present at the meeting, representing the investors.

Resides the Mayor there were present Ald. Vincent, Davey, Fullerton, Yates, Fell, Stewart and Goodacre and City Engineer Topp.

A limpet clings to a rock with a force equal to 2,000 times its own weight.

**YOUNG BRITISH COLUMBIA.**

The title page of this edition is a peculiarly happy one as it is a reproduction of a husky young "native son" of the province fully equipped with a prospector's kit and ready for a tramp over the hills.

The pretty lad so shown, is the son of A. Erskine Smith, of Grand Forks, to whom the Times is indebted for permission to use the photograph in question.

**JAP WHALING COMPANIES.**

Twelve Recently Formed to Operate in Japanese and Korean Waters.

According to advices received by the steamer Tremont, there has recently been a great increase in the number of whaling companies operating in Japanese and Korean waters. This winter twelve additional companies have been formed, with a total capitalization of 434 million dollars in gold. The Japanese government gives a subsidy of \$7.50 for each whale captured, while in Canada a license of \$1,200 is required for each whaling station established.

The Hoki of Tokio has the following to say on the matter: "Many of these companies have not yet commenced operations, nevertheless the number of whales captured since the year before last has totalled from 180 to 190, and one company of Kislu took more than a hundred at one time off Kinkazan. It is therefore apprehended that when all the above companies get to work the whales will soon be totally killed off, and the Japanese authorities are debating the expediency of enacting some conservation rules. Unfortunately the breeding season of whales in these waters is not known, and the difficulty of effectually protecting them is consequently enhanced."

**SPECIAL SERVICE.**

Evangelist J. L. McComb Will Speak at Emmanuel Baptist Church Tomorrow Evening.

A service of unusual interest will be held in Emmanuel Baptist church at the end of the Spring Ridge car line, on Sunday evening. Evangelist J. L. McComb, a convert of the world-famed Water street mission, New York, will be the speaker, his subject being "The Conversion of Jerry McComb."

Mr. McComb has been a companion and co-laborer with Dr. Chapman in his campaign of evangelistic work, proving a very successful soul winner. He is eloquent and powerful speaker. For several weeks he has been conducting city mission work in Vancouver, a dozen or more professing conversions every evening. The work has been signally successful. Mr. McComb is in conduct an extended campaign of mission work after the holidays. A number of the converts of the Vancouver mission will be with Mr. McComb on Sunday evening, one of them, a young man who was in the South African war and who has since been a Socialist street preacher.

A special effort will be made by the church to find seats for all who attend, the public being cordially invited.

Descendants of domestic dogs run wild lose their power of barking entirely.

Savings banks were suggested by De-foe, author of "Robinson Crusoe," in 1704.

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### SIKH IS SENTENCED.

Must Pay \$50 or Serve One Month For Using Grossly Insulting Language.

Yesterday Constable O'Leary arrested a Sikh named Minternasee, who was charged in the police court this morning with using grossly insulting language to a woman residing on Cornmorant street. It appears that the Sikh called at the back door of the house and asked for some milk. This was given him by the generous woman of the house, and he then asked that he might be allowed to warm it in the kitchen stove. He was permitted to do so, and used the language to sweeten it. While he was in the kitchen he suddenly turned to his benefactress and used the language complained of. A telephone message was immediately sent to the police, and Minternasee was taken into custody. The case against him was heard behind closed doors in the police court today, the prisoner pleading not guilty. His Honor imposed a fine of \$50, and, in default, the prisoner must go to prison for one month.

Two other cases were on the docket, one drunk being assessed \$5. Stella Barrett, charged with vagrancy, did not appear and a warrant was issued for her arrest.

### NEW MILLS PLANNED.

Activity in Connection With Coast Timber Resources.

Among those who are taking an interest in British Columbia timber resources none are more active than business men of the United States. The formation of a company composed of investors in San Francisco, Los Angeles and as far south as Mexico will have a marked effect, it is believed, in connection with the lumber trade on this coast. This company, known as the Graham Company, is said to be backed up by millions of dollars, and is in a position to command a good standing for its product in California and Mexico.

The intention of the company is said to be that of putting up several mills on the coast, including one at Esquimalt and another on Queen Charlotte Islands. In addition to the Mexican, United States and Canadian trade, the

intention is to cater to the rapidly increasing demands of South America and Australia and New Zealand. The northern mills will make a specialty of spruce and cedar, of which there is an abundance in northern British Columbia.

The Government mill on the other hand will devote attention to the fir lumber trade. If the plans of the company succeed it is promised that these two mills will not limit the scope of their operations, but they may open others on this coast.

### THE STEALING CASE.

No Appeal Was Allowed to the Supreme Court.

This morning in the County court before Judge Lamson an application was made by Frank Higgins, representing the prisoner W. J. Woods, who was convicted of stealing \$200 from a Menagh at Sidney. Mr. Higgins asked that a reserved case be allowed to be taken to the Court of Appeal. He argued that there was no direct evidence that Mr. Menagh had the money on him when he went to the hotel, that there was nothing to show that Jones took it from him, and that in any event the evidence was not sufficient to show that it was stolen from the person of Menagh.

The crown was represented by Deputy Attorney-General McLean, K. C., and Geo. Morphy. Mr. McLean argued that there could be no doubt as to the fact that Woods had taken the money. Even if it was established that the money was not taken from the person, the sentence was within the mark for stealing. His Honor intimated that he had no doubt in the matter. He felt that there could be no question of Woods' guilt, and under these circumstances he could not allow a reserved case to go before the Court of Appeal.

As this disposes of the case, Mr. Morphy made application for an order to have the money now in court, which was recovered when Woods was arrested, paid over to Mr. Menagh.

This was done, and about \$100 will thus be recovered by Mr. Menagh.

Morrell's "Iowa's Pride" hams and bacon give satisfaction where other kinds fail.

Auction sale.—Special attention is directed to the sale of Christmas goods at L. Eston & Co.'s rooms to-night.

A dispatch from Ottawa says: "James Parfit passed the qualifying civil service examination at Victoria."

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

Special Music Will Be Given at Evensong To-Morrow.

At evensong in St. John's church to-morrow evening there will be special Christmas music given by the choir. The cantata, "The Story of the Incarnation," by J. V. Roberts, tenor and soprano solos, will be given, interspersed with carols. A new sacred solo, "The Angels' Song," composed by the organist, G. Jennings Burnett, will be sung by Miss Winnifred Logan. The programme follows: Tenor Recitative—In That Day, J. Petch; Carol—O Come, Emmanuel; The Choir Recitative—The Lord Himself Shall Give You a Sign; Carol—Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus; Recitative—When the Fullness of Time Was Come; Carol—How Shall I Meet Thee; Recitative—Jesus Was Born in Bethlehem; Organ—Pastorale; Recitative—And Lo, the Angel of the Lord—Break Forth, O Beauteous Light; Recitative and Chorus—And the Angel Said; Carol—The Right That Angels Thus Should Sing; Recitative—And It Came to Pass; Carol—We Have Seen Thy Natal Star; Recitative—And, Lo, the Star Which They Saw; Carol—Brightest and Best; Recitative—Ye Know the Grace of Our Lord; Carol—Angels From the Realms of Glory; Vesper—Lord Keep Us Safe.

### AMUSEMENT ARCADE.

First Place of Its Kind Was Opened on Douglas Street To-Day.

To-day Victoria possesses its first amusement arcade. It was opened this morning at 114 Douglas street, and has been well patronised all day. Filled with most up-to-date electrical machines, which are ready at a second's notice to serve up dishes of entertainment in return for the slippery coin. The Arcade is just the place for Christmas shoppers to while away a pleasant half hour.

There are talking machines, mutoscopes, and greatest of all, the photoscope, a marvelous machine which photographs you, and delivers "the goods" in one minute. For the children there are amusing picture machines, and for everybody there is something new and interesting. A cheap way of spending a little spare time is to spend it in the Arcade, where the coin, inserted in the slot, goes in quest of entertainment for you and finds it.

Last evening, before a handful of auditors, the Amusements Opera Company produced "The Governor's Wife" at the Victoria theatre. The piece is not a very good one, but the united efforts of all concerned help to pull it through three acts to a somewhat strange finale. As the governor, Claude Amusements worked hard and played a large amount of comedy. Miss Hazel Davenport played the wife with vim, and for the short time that she figured in the piece acted and sang well. A dozen girls put in a fair amount of work as chorus, but the songs they had to sing did not allow them any opportunity to shine. It was a

all-round mediocre production, mediocre company and scenery.

### PERSONALS.

Mr. Robert Morrison, of Hoquiam, Wash., accompanied by his bride, nee Miss Catherine J. Thompson, are now visiting his uncle, Mr. Wm. Morrison, 150 Johnson street, Victoria. They were married on Wednesday, the 12th inst., and have visited Portland and the Sound cities.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Bodwell, Mrs. Bodwell's daughters, who are attending Miss Gordon's school in Vancouver, are also home for the vacation.

C. H. Kiddle, of Duncan, was in the city last night, a guest at the King Edward. He left for home this morning.

J. E. McMullen and Mrs. McMullen, of Vancouver, are spending the Christmas holidays in the city, the guests of

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Martin, of Nelson, are spending the Christmas holidays with the latter's mother, Mrs. S. Perry Mills, of Fernwood road.

R. G. Edwards Leckie has returned from England, and is now at the Driford.

Herbert T. Collinson and A. J. Collinson, of Naas, are at the Balmoral. A. T. Gwin, of Vancouver, is staying at the Dominion.

Clive Philipps Wolley is at the Balmoral.

### A WELLINGTON MYSTERY.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, Dec. 22.—The body of a man was seen by Chinamen lying in the millstream at old South Wellington this morning. A horse and rig untied and unattended was discovered nearby.

The body was not recovered, and the provincial police have left for the scene to unthaw the mystery. Late last night residents in the vicinity heard a rig drive by and voices in low conversation.

Robert Clark, who has leased the saloon in the Vernon block, at the corner of Douglas and View street, now known as the Carlton saloon, has travelled a long distance to take up his residence in Victoria. As long ago as 1900, when Mr. Clark was returning from the Klondike, he stayed a few days in this city, and then he made up his mind to return here in a few months and settle. However, the unexpected duration of the South African war, in which Mr. Clark took part, upset his plans, and it was not till September last that he was able, together with Mrs. Clark and family to start for this city. Mr. Clark has had considerable experience in the management of hotels, having been proprietor of several leading hotels in South Africa, notably the "Craven" and the "King's" at Kimberley. He trusts by conducting his present place on the very best lines of the business quarter, for whose requirements he intends specially to cater. The premises will be known as the Carlton saloon and lounge.

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WANTED—A boy, about 16, for delivery of newspapers and to be tidy about \$2.00. Apply Wm. Acton, grocery, Yates St.

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DIED.—M'PHERSON—On the 20th inst., at Cowichan Station, John M'Pherson, a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, aged 51 years. Funeral will take place on Sunday from residence 25 above at 12 o'clock noon.

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Books Suitable For Christmas Gifts.

The most beautiful gift book I have seen this year is the edition de luxe of Frank T. Stockton's collection of young people's tales, "The Queen's Museum and Other Fanciful Tales." (1) This is a selection of the most popular of his fanciful tales, and is illustrated most happily by Mr. Frederic Richardson. Since the most lamented death of Mr. Stockton there has been naturally an increased demand for his books. His whimsical and entirely delightful humor now everywhere has a devoted circle of readers. His genius was unique. There never was anyone with whom even the most discerning critics could compare him. All who were early readers of St. Nicholas will recall his fascinating serials. His stories are for all ages. The best of his best is to be found in this little story book. Besides the title story there are, The Christmas Trunk, The Grif, and the Minor Canon, Old Pipes and the Dryad, The Bee Man of Arn, The Clocks of Rondaine, Christmas Before Last, or the Fruit of the Fragrant Palm, Prince Haasak's March, The Philopena, The Accommodating Circumstance. The drawings include ten full color pages and others in black and white, besides most sumptuous work on cover, frontispiece and title pages. The Queen's Museum is the enchanting story of the Queen who developed a museum with the things she was interested in, and who sent all subjects who were not interested to jail. The Queen's Museum who stole her collections and of the innocent stranger who put it back right. The Queen and the Minor Canon, her true imagination of a high order, the sort of imagination which conceived Mrs. Leeks and Mrs. Alephine, and which as only Mr. Stockton knew how, put tales in such a guise that it all seems possible and even common-place. "The Queen of Arts" has charming touches of satire and playful comment. Each story is a revelation of the story-maker's art. Indeed, the author was a wizard with his pen. His tale is irreparable.

A Lost Leader (2) by Oppenheim. The author of Anna the Adventuress, Mr. Wingrave, Millionaire, and numerous other novels, begins very well indeed. It is readable throughout, but goes only to pieces in the closing chapters. It is a love affair of a Duchess, the wife of a cabinet Minister, the inner history of a famous politician and his career, the apotheosis of a quiet country maid into the society girl who loses £500 at a week-end party, where she is inveigled into roulette and bridge and the unsavory domestic interior of an adventuress. The story is absurd and impossible. It is no worse, however, than any of the author's other popular works.

A prettily devised booklet for Christmas is "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God," (3) by Rev. D. B. Marsh, Sc. D., F. R. S. of Hamilton, Ontario, whose scientific labors are well known. It is in white parchment decorated with gold lettering and cord and illustrated by photographs of the sun, moon and planets. The little essay is beautifully written, ardent from the pen of an enthusiast, poetic as from the mind of a star-gazer, and reverent as becomes the man of God.

Cupid and the Candidite (4) by Mrs. Leeming Carr, a Canadian author, is a political story with some clever dialogue. A hot contest in an Ontario constituency is described. The author has strong Conservative leanings, but makes a determined onslaught on the methods of both parties. Electoral purity would seem in her locality to be non-existent. The author reiterates that until each party devotes itself to remedying the corruption in its own ranks there will be no true reform, a statement there is none to dispute. The girl in the story is an ardent Canadian and her glowing words of patriotism make good reading. In answer to "What shall we teach our boys?" is:

"Teach them that Canada is theirs; that their country is the best in the world; that patriotism is next to godliness, and then teach them to shoot straight."

The Pancake Preacher (5) by Mack Chase contains much variety of reading matter. The hero is a young Methodist preacher, devout, clever and muscular. His life and work lead him among all sorts of people, seamen, gypsies, light-house keepers, farmers, loggers, saloon men, and the business and professional men of a village. There are a great number of people described. The author has full scope for his evident skill in character-portraiture. There are all sorts of plots and counter plots and intrigues and through it all like the famed golden thread runs the work of the young divine. The fight against the liquor people makes a sombre note in the book. Fancy having on one's conscience at this time of year the sale of liquor! If every son gave his mother a temperance pledge for a Christmas gift, think how the world of homes would overflow with joy. God grant it!

A new and revised edition of Mrs. Catherine Parr Traill's Studies of Plant Life in Canada (6) has recently been issued and is a more delightful Christmas gift-book one could hardly imagine. It is illustrated by reproductions of the flowers in their natural colors and half-tone engravings by Mrs. Agnes D. Chamberlaine. Since the death of that wonderful old lady, the author, her work has become doubly precious. The preface to the earlier edition she made a modest apology for the imperfections of a volume, the material for which was collected at intervals during a long series of years marked by trials of the early colonist and backwoods settler. Her appeal, "Mothers of Canada, teach your children to know and love the wild flowers springing in their path, to love the soil in which God's hand has planted them, and in all their after wanderings through the world their hearts will turn back with loving reverence to the land of their birth." Our wild flowers are gradually disappearing despite the almost frantic appeals of flower-lovers to the planters and despoilers of nature's gardens. Such a work as Mrs. Traill's is then becoming through this providential tragedy a valuable record, besides a constant stimulus to botanical study. The book is simply written and inspired by deep affection. Her knowledge gained by observation and in early days without botanical guide books was slowly gleaned from nature and nature lovers. It is a beautiful volume and ought to be endeared to us all.

The Cruise of the Yacht Dido (7) is one of Charles G. D. Roberts' delightful books for boys. Where there are books by Canadian authors available as gifts they ought to be given to Canadian children. This little volume will be heartily welcomed by boys. It is wholesome and redolent of the woods and the sea. The young chaps are healthy resourceful specimens of young Canada.

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**TIMBER REGULATIONS.**

Mill Men Submit Views to Members of Provincial Government. Vancouver, Dec. 21.—Fifty mill men met members of the provincial government here this morning with reference to timber regulations. The chief point discussed was the cancellation of pulp leases on which no work had yet been done. They asked that the government act immediately in the matter of placing the limits on the market at public auction. Hon. R. F. Green promised to consider the arguments, and said the views of the meeting would be presented to the cabinet and early action taken.

The whole ground of the government's action regarding timber regulations was thoroughly threshed out, but nothing was said about proposed legislation demanding a specified amount of cutting to make licenses hold.

**RELIEF IN SIGHT.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—A letter to the President dated Minneapolis, December 19th, from Interstate Commerce Commissioner Lane, says that the railroad officials in the Northwest have promised to carry coal to all distressed persons. Mr. Lane concludes: "As there are thousands of cars now available for handling coal, I think the danger of distress from lack of fuel may be said to have passed. It takes grain cars on the average ten days to cover 200 miles on the Great Northern railway."

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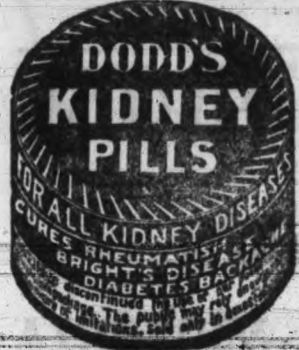
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**LAND REGISTRY ACT.**

In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate of the Certificate of Title to Sub-Division Lot 13, of Sub-Section XXIX, Beckley Farm, Victoria City. Notice is hereby given that it is my intention, at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof, to issue a Duplicate of the Certificate of Title to said land, issued to Frank Albany on the 15th day of January, 1876, and numbered 2494.  
S. Y. WOOLTON, Registrar-General.  
Land Registry Office.



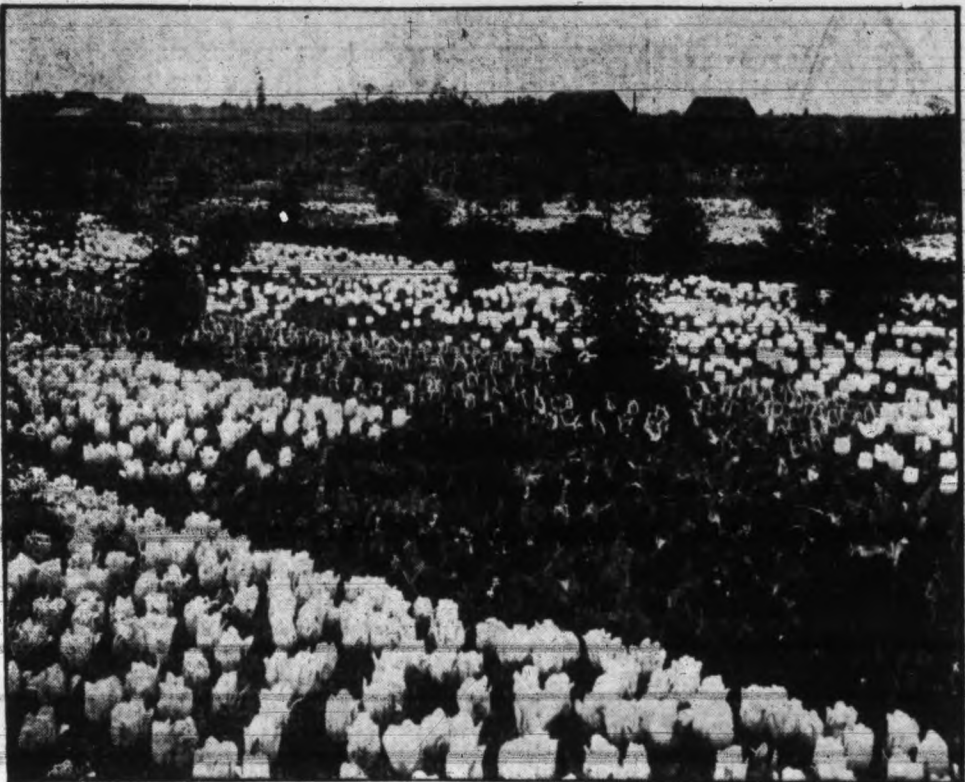
## A Bit of Holland at Oak Bay, Victoria

There is perhaps no greater source of wonderment to the man coming here at this season of the year from the wind swept prairie or to the traveller seeing Victoria for the first time, than the delicately tinted and variegated colored floral beauty of this city. The charm of this has been a joy forever to the resident of the city, but to the one upon whom the snow, frost and winter storms are a weariness to the flesh, the flowers of this evergreen city constitute a change that cannot well be fully comprehended.

Oak Bay. This is a typical scene, and could be reproduced in almost any part of the city where good soil is available. The growing of bulbs is comparatively a new industry to Victoria, but has proved successful beyond all expectations. Men of wide experience, even those familiar with the industry, as it is carried on in Holland, conceded up to the present to be the most prolific in bulb culture in the world, say that Victoria offers opportunities which they have never seen surpassed. Indeed it has gone on record that a better plant

other countries.

For bulbs and cut flowers there is always a great demand, and it would be difficult to estimate just what good this city derived from the business conducted by florists in sending to points throughout the Northwest, and generally throughout Canada and the Eastern States; bloom of the most attractive kind. It has been demonstrated that flowers, which by forcing can be produced in the hot houses of Chicago at a cost of \$2.50 a hundred, can be grown in the open here, trans-



Wollaston & Wallace's Bulb Farm.

The Times has heretofore emphasized the importance of Victoria's landscape scenes, but in view of the great number of Nor'westers now flocking in this direction, it will not be amiss perhaps to again draw attention to the great possibilities of climate here to be found. The picture shown is that of a mass of bloom in a bulb farm owned by Messrs. Wallace & Wollaston, at

cannot be produced in the far-famed Netherlands than right here. The conditions seem to combine all that is favorable to the business. The effect of mild damp winters leaves the plant in a healthy and vigorous state, and when the spring arrives bloom comes on in a remarkably short time. Two and three crops in the season can be reaped; an achievement equaled in few

ported to Chicago and the duty and brokerage paid, at a cost of 75 cents a hundred. Of the commercial aspect of the case no more need be said. It requires but a little time and the knowledge to be heralded abroad that Victoria's climate and soil is ideally adapted for this production, and Victoria will be famed far and wide for her bulbs and cut flowers.



Next week will be a very quiet one at the drill hall. From the 25th of December until the 1st of January the hall is to remain closed.

The officers and men of the Egeria are still living ashore while their vessel is in the hands of the renovators.

H. M. S. Shearwater was expected in this morning after a cruise along the east coast of the island.

The principal event of the past week was the arrival on Monday evening of Lieut.-Col. MacDougall, officer in command of the infantry battalion at Wolsey barracks. No. 1 company headquarters, London, Ont., accompanied by Quartermaster-Sergeant Instructor W. J. White and Sergeant Sales, also a draft of 25 men from the R. C. G. A., Quebec. The need of an officer for infantry drill in the military district has long been felt, and Lieut.-Col. MacDougall's arrival has been specially welcomed on the coast.

"A new type of warship in the shape of the mine-laying vessel has entered the British navy to stay. The Iphigenia was the protagonist of this class. So successful has she proved that the admiralty have now decided to give her the Thetis as a companion. The Iphigenia has a kind of overhead roadway, by means of which submarine mines can be dropped over her stern as she steams along. The mines follow each other in a sort of procession, and the ship can mine the approaches to a harbor in very short time. For a good while past she has been carrying out experiments in the

vicinity of Queenstown. These experiments have resulted so satisfactorily that the admiralty have given orders that the Thetis is to be fitted in every respect as the Iphigenia is. Probably some other of our small cruisers will also be converted into mine-laying vessels. The introduction of these auxiliaries to the British navy is an outcome of the Russo-Japanese war."

After long experimenting, the admiralty have come to the conclusion that the best Welsh coal is the most suitable fuel for destroyers and torpedo boats. Orders have consequently been issued forbidding the use of patent fuel in these craft, unless under exceptional circumstances, says an exchange. This order is peculiarly interesting because of the fact that previous to the withdrawal of the fleet from Esquimalt a supply of the patent fuel was kept continuously on stock.

"Not many years ago a captain was considered fortunate if he were promoted to flag rank before he had served nearly twenty years as a captain," says a London exchange. "Thanks, however, to the Order in Council passed in 1902, the rate of promotion has been so greatly accelerated that captains of ten years and under are now being promoted to rear-admiral. We are thus getting the younger blood in the flag list that was undoubtedly necessary there. It is true that some of our best known fleet leaders had to wait over fifteen years for their flag, but that is no argument in favor of slow promotion. Probably some day

we shall break away from precedent and apply the principle of promotion by selection all along the line. At present it obtains only as far as the post-captains' list. The seniority rule places a good many men on the flag list who are presumably not deemed suitable for employment as admirals. At any rate, they do not get employed, though there are far more posts open to rear-admirals than there used to be, yet they block the way to other men."

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With the advent of so many home-seekers to the city and the fact that it is rapidly reaching its rightful position as the premier residential place of the broad Dominion and is becoming known throughout the continent as the "City of Homes," augurs well for the success of the latest addition to Victoria's enterprises, that of A. Huggett & Co. Interior decorators, designers, craftsmen and importers of fine English furniture, artistic metal work, rugs, wall papers, pictures and everything that goes to make up the "home beautiful." A visit to Mr. Huggett's rooms is a revelation of the possibilities of interior architecture. There is apparently as much care and skill wrought into the construction and planning of special schemes for the ideal furnishing of various apartments as an artist employs in the painting of a picture. A Times representative, who called upon the firm, was courteously shown a very large number of photographs and water color sketches showing in detail the latest treatments for bedrooms, boudoirs, drawing rooms, dens, dining rooms, libraries, smoking and billiard rooms. In a very practical way they proved the capability of the company to bring together all that is necessary to build up a perfectly furnished room. The business has met with very generous support from its commencement, and, although only a very few months old, has already outgrown its present quarters, and Messrs. Huggett & Co. are contemplating building in the very near future, premises exactly suited to their special requirements. Just now the firm are catering to the demands of the season, and a very choice collection of goods suitable for presentation are on exhibition in the rooms, which are situated on the second floor of the Promis building, over Angus Campbell & Co.'s outfitting store, Government street.

"We had a sensational case of kidnapping in our house lately." "You don't tell me! How did it happen?" "The baby slept the whole night!"—Rehaboth Sunday Herald.

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## CHRISTMAS LULL IN REALTY MARKET

### GORGE ACREAGE IS STILL IN DEMAND

Gordon Head and Mountain View Districts Much Sought After—North-west Farmers Invest.

Christmas has at length made itself felt in the realty market. The tide of investors has decreased in volume, but at the same time agents in the city looked upon the present lull as inevitable.

Notwithstanding the fact that activity may be regarded as slackening one firm of real estate agents report several interesting deals. This is Bond & Clark, of Trounce alley, who represent the Silica Brick & Lime Co., and the Nootka Marble Quarries, and who during the last three weeks, have been carrying out transactions in the market of realty.

Through this firm J. L. Beckwith and G. R. Talbot have jointly purchased twenty-six lots on Cook street. This property comprises four and a half acres and realized a sum of \$9,000.

Three acres of the Dickenson estate, on Moss street, have been bought up by W. A. Gloason, a local contractor. A sum of \$2,000 changed hands over this transaction.

An interesting sale is reported on the upper reaches of the Gorge. This was the purchase of three acres by David Wilson, M. P. P. for Westbourne, Manitoba. The property is adaptable either for residential or commercial purposes. The sale was negotiated for \$3,000.

W. C. Pritchard has bought one and a third acres on Denman street near the Jubilee hospital. This acreage realized \$1,700.

A house on Bay street has been purchased by a local investor. Lots 12 and 13 of the Fairfield estate, comprising two and two-fifths acres were sold yesterday for \$2,000.

All the above transactions passed through the hands of Bond & Clark. There is a large and increasing volume of inquiry for acreage in the Gordon Head and Mountain View districts. Already several pieces of property have been snapped up in these neighborhoods. In nearly every instance the purchasers are retired Northwestern farmers, who intend using the land for the purposes of fruit growing. The land on the market, a large amount of which is handled by Beaumont Boggs, is carefully selected, and brings in about \$300 per acre.

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G. D. COLLINS AGAIN.  
Application For Writ of Habeas Corpus  
—Desires Freedom Pending  
Hearing.

George D. Collins, the ubiquitous and persistent, has made another attempt to gain at least temporary freedom, says the San Francisco Chronicle. This time it is an application for a writ of habeas corpus, returnable next Thursday. The convicted bigamist asks that he be released on bail pending the hearing of the application.

Collins claims that he is held in custody by the sheriff of the city and county of San Francisco in violation of the treaty of extradition between the United States of America and Great Britain, in that he was not tried and convicted upon the charge of perjury, for which he was extradited. Collins was brought back from Canada upon a charge of perjury and later was brought to trial upon the charge for which he was extradited. The jury in that case disagreed, and he has never been brought to trial again upon that charge. Subsequently another charge of perjury was brought against him. He was tried, and the jury brought in a verdict of guilty. Judge Burnett sentenced him to fourteen years in the penitentiary at San Quentin, from which sentence Collins asked for bail pending the hearing of the writ of habeas corpus, but the court made no order as to the bail.

## REVENUE WILL INCREASE

Mayor Thinks Flourishing Realty Market Will Swell Next Year's Assessments.

In the opinion of Mayor Morley the city's exchequer will next year benefit to no small extent as an outcome of the present activity in the market of realty.

This morning he informed a Times reporter that, should the present flourishing condition of the market continue, the coming summer would see the assessments on a good deal of real property raised. This would mean an increase in the revenue. He further gave it as his opinion that the substantial increase in assessments would swell the accounts of the municipality.

This increase in taxes would be probably spent in the water, light and sewerage systems connected with recently opened areas.

In conclusion, although he anticipated an increased revenue, he thought that the city expenditure would even be greater, proportionately speaking.

## INCINERATOR PLANT.

Question of Installing One Will Probably Receive Early Consideration Of Incoming Board.

One of the first matters that will probably come before the city council next year will be the installation of an incinerator plant in connection with the city electric lighting station. Plans and specifications for an incinerator have been drawn up and are now in possession of the city engineer, and the new board of aldermen will most likely give the matter early consideration. The proposal is to build the incinerator in connection with the electric light station so that the city's garbage can be burnt to advantage, taking the place of fuel, as is the custom in many of the larger cities of England. The sanitary reform that would be effected by the establishment of this plant is thought by the Mayor and others to be one of moment, and His Worship stated this morning, in conversation with a reporter, that people living within a short distance of the present "dump" at James Bay would appreciate the change.

In connection with the proposed incinerator, Mayor Morley said that a place will be found near it if it is erected, for the installation of the lethal chamber. This chamber has not yet been used in consequence of the city being unable to obtain a suitable site for it. The dog pound is so far away from the nearest gas main as to render it impracticable as a site, and, at present, no other location can be picked. At present dogs are being dispatched by the simple method of injections by a hypodermic syringe.

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"Because I need a stayer—  
"I said  
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## EDMONTON'S GROWTH.

Ex-Mayor Says \$5,000,000 Worth of New Buildings Will Probably Be Erected Next Year.

(Associated Press.)

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Ex-Mayor Morley, Edmonton, in an interview said today—Edmonton will increase in population next year more than it has in the last three years. I think she will add 5,000. There will be, in my opinion, \$5,000,000 worth of new buildings at least. The parliament buildings are estimated to cost one million, the new post office quarter of a million, a pork packing plant half a million, a new brewery a quarter of a million and the court house about a quarter of a million. The city corporation will lay some two miles of street paving, and there will be six or seven miles of electric street railway constructed. To all this work you may add less pretentious buildings and residences incidental to the general growth of the city.

The appeal against the judgment rendered in the cases of Johns Bros., R. T. Redding and P. P. Watson, who were dismissed on charges of selling spirituous liquors on unlicensed premises, will be heard in the Supreme court on January 7th. On the same day the seven Chinamen who were committed for trial a few weeks ago for gambling on the premises known as 35 Fisguard street will be tried.

A dispatch from Vancouver says: The steamer Wellington has gone north with 2,500 tons of coal for Treadwell to relieve the fuel famine there. Manager Kinzie, of the Treadwell mines, who has been south endeavoring to secure coal, has apparently made satisfactory arrangements, as he telegraphed instructions to commence operations again at the reduction works.

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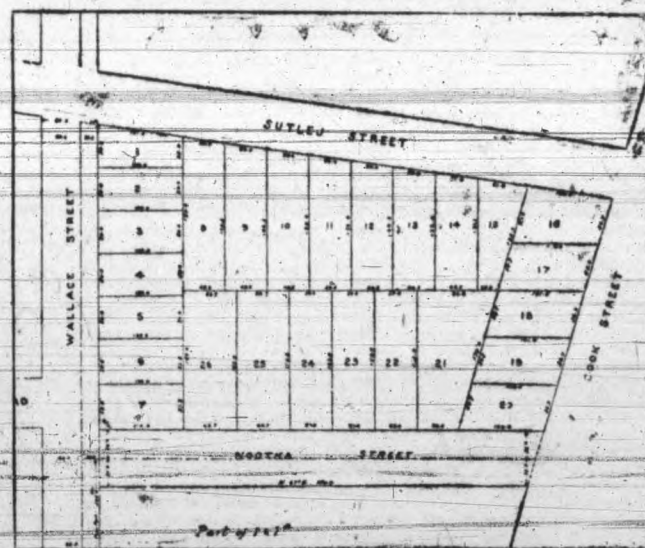
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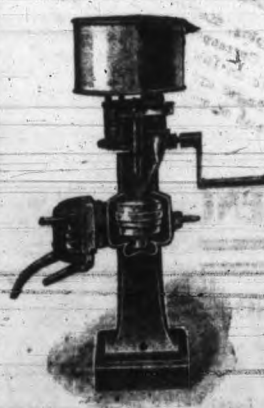
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Dr. G. L. Findlay, of England, who is at present spending a holiday in the city, is very indignant concerning the report published in the Colonist this morning to the effect that he had purchased James Island. Dr. Findlay was interviewed to-day by a Times reporter. He stated that he had not purchased James Island. There had been some negotiations in connection with it, but the report published this morning is very likely result in these coming to nothing.

Dr. Findlay said there was no authority for the statement that the island had been purchased. The price stated by the Colonist was never contemplated by him, and he certainly would pay no such figure as the \$23,000 mentioned in the report.

He thinks it very strange that such erroneous statements should be published, and cannot understand why such a report is pursued.

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### CHAPTER XII. (Continued.)

The beautiful eyes of the Persian girl filled with tears, and kneeling at her father's feet, she threw her graceful arm around his neck and kissed him. Then, to hide her tears, she moved once more with her whisk over to the sick man.

"How does he look?" inquired her father, from his seat at the other side of the darkened room.

Fatima paused a moment hesitatingly, and then replied—

"Still unconscious, my father."

"Then I can leave you with him while I attend prayers at the mosque; for it is Friday, and I must be present to hear the Imam preach the sanctity of the deceased Mahomed Ahmed and the virtues of the living Abdullah."

"Should the prisoner show any signs of consciousness, veil yourself instantly, Fatima, and retire before he has time to become acquainted with your features."

"Yes, my father," replied Fatima promptly—"of course."

The Hadji went out, and the beautiful Persian remained, staring deeply down into a pair of blue eyes which were gazing up into her black ones.

Moreover, the expression in those blue eyes was perfectly lucid; their owner had evidently regained complete possession of his senses.

Fatima had told a fib; for she had seen the wonderful change which had come over the patient. But her heart went out in pity to this unfortunate white man who had been brought to her in a country of black and detested savages. And she wished him to perceive the pity in her features before she was compelled to veil them, not merely with the thin muslin yashmak worn by the Turkish and Circassian women, but under the black silk habara worn in Egypt by the better class ladies.

Nevertheless, Fatima felt very nervous and modest when left alone with the wounded man, and, as he continued to look up at her inquiringly, she felt

the hot color rising to her face and spreading down to her neck. For a moment the young girl had half a mind to rush to an adjoining apartment for her habara. However, she did not; the prisoner looked so forlorn and wan that she argued to herself it would be cruel to leave him even for a second. Besides, he stirred uneasily in evident pain.

Gently placing one arm around his neck, she raised the sick man while she adjusted his pillow. As he did not speak, Fatima mustered up courage to speak first, and asked timidly, in Arabic, if he would like some milk.

"Mowya, ami marouf ya Sitt—water, please, lady," replied Lord Rothiemay, with a faint smile of gratitude.

Bringing the water from a cool jar or water jar in the corner of the room, Fatima had again to raise the patient, and this time to help him to drink. The cold draught revived him wonderfully.

As Fatima laid Reginald gently back for the second time, he inquired in languid tones, as if puzzled—

"Have I been killed, and are you an angel?—I remember a fight—a blow—did then nothing."

"No, Bey, you are not dead, and I am no angel, but Fatima, the daughter of the Persian Mirza An Khan, whom you yourself nearly killed in a boat at Absarat. You are, however, alas! in great danger of being in Firdaus (Paradise) before long, when you leave this house, where my father is befriending you, for you will have to be delivered into the cruel hands of the Khalifa Abdullah, and he is merciless. You are now in New Dongola."

"Klamat—fate!" replied Rothiemay stochally. "Why have you not then let me die?"

"Oh, I—I mean we could not do that—it would be against the laws of Allah—the Compassionate. Besides—I know I can trust you, the enemy of the Dervishes—we, too, who appear to serve under them, like you, hate them. We are Shiaks, they Sunnis. Are you

a Turk and a Muslim, Bey? You seem to know the tenets of Islam, and a Koran, all bloody, was found in your breast. See, here it is! It saved your life."

"Like a flash, Fehmy's parting remark at Absarat came back. But, looking up into the eyes of this beautiful Persian girl, Rothiemay could not tell her a lie.

"I have been well instructed in the tenets of the Muslim faith," he replied, "but I have not been received into Islam. I am an Englishman."

"Oh dear! Oh, alas!" cried the girl, "then you are doomed indeed. Oh! what shall I do? You will be beheaded or hanged for certain. Afoos! Afoos!" And she covered her face with her hands, as though to hide from her eyes the dreadful sight she pictured up.

Rothiemay made no reply, but gazed at the beautiful creature before him, who seemed so concerned for his safety. He was very weak and did not care what happened to himself, but he felt her sympathy deeply.

In a moment she spoke again—using a woman's word—

"Tell me your name, if you please."

"Reginald Isla," he replied.

She repeated it after him.

"Reginald Isla! You must alter it—to Raleh abd Allah. Rabeh Abdullah! yes, that will do. And you must, for my sake, who have tended you night and day, say what I tell you—even to my father. Why? You promise me? I could not bear to see you die after having nursed you back to life?—It may save me from danger too."

"If you did that, I will promise all that you demand, oh, Sitt—Lady."

"Shabash! Shabash!" exclaimed Fatima joyfully; and she clasped her hands in prayer.

"You must say to everyone that your father was a Nimgawi—an Austrian, who married a Circassian in Constantinople—he left her and she brought you up as a child of Islam. Do you understand?"

"I understand," replied Reginald, "I lay your hand upon the Koran and swear it," said Fatima impressively. And she held the book all bloody as it was, out to him. But he hesitated.

"Oh, quick! quick!" she exclaimed. "All of our lives may depend upon your taking this oath." And, seizing his weak right arm, the Persian girl herself placed his hand upon the book.

"Swear!" she said. And Reginald swore the oath. "Now," she said, "never vary from what I told you to say; you can also say that your Circassian mother removed to Egypt, if you do not know Turkish, and that you there entered the Khedive's service."

"That last part is true, anyway," replied Reginald; "I will say it—and, believe me, I will do nothing which can bring trouble on your head. I give you my most heartfelt thanks for having tended me, Lady Fatima; but there is much I do not understand."

"All of which I will tell you another time. Now, listen! I am about to put on my veil. I should not like you to forget my features if you never see my face again. Oh, tell me!" added the young Persian impulsively, "that you will not forget my face—save my father, you are the only man who has ever beheld it."

"Most certainly will I never forget it, oh beautiful Lady Fatima! For, you have, as I said at first, the face of an angel."

Fatima smiled and showed her pretty teeth. Her smile was singularly sweet and bewitching.

"Now, since you will not know what I say when I speak to my father in Persian, I shall say that I suddenly saw you looking at me, and that I then put on my veil. I would like him to know that you have seen me, once—who knows? perhaps it might save trouble later. Now for my ugly black habara! Alas!"

She went out and returned with the silk habara on her arm.

"Give me your hand before you put it on," said Rothiemay.

She gave him her delicate hand.

"Please raise my arm to my face," he said. He kissed her hand, and then the beautiful Persian child, radiant with pleasure, covered herself from head to foot in the ugly black cloak.

Immediately afterwards, Mirza Ali Khan entered.

CHAPTER XIII.  
The Pursuit.

In his last rush forward across the shingly beach at Abri, Johag De Clintone displayed the utmost disregard of his own safety in his determined endeavor to save his friend from the enemy's clutches. He was bravely seconded by his men of the Camel Corps, and some of the detachment of the Sudanese 9th Battalion, who had followed on foot from Amara in time for the closing scene, after being present when De Clintone first surprised the Dervishes at dawn. This he had been able to do owing to the fact that with singular good fortune, Fehmy and the corporal, Mahomed Daoud, had contrived to sneak past the enemy's camp unnoticed.

These Sudanese, chiefly Dinka negroes from the far south, were no less savages than the Dervishes themselves, and revelled in the sight of blood. In consequence, they ruthlessly cut the throats of all the fallen whom they found on the beach, and fearlessly plunged after the retreating foe into the palm trees beyond it. Several were, however, killed.

De Clintone then mounted one of these blacks behind every camel man, and followed up the flying foe until he reached the village of Kook. By that time all the footmen of the Dervishes had been killed, with exception of some who plunged into the Nile, in an endeavor to swim across. These were but few, and while one was seized and dragged down by a crocodile, several were drowned. Only two or three succeeded in reaching the other side of the river, and these were butchered by the detachment under Ismail Effendi Mukhar, which had followed up the further shore. At the very last, just as De Clintone was about to halt for a few minutes' rest, as all the enemy's camel men had disappeared, he and his men were suddenly charged by a group of six Dervishes, armed with spears, who had dismounted and concealed themselves behind a house built of mudbricks in the outskirts of the village. His blacks then proved invaluable. Slipping down from the camels, they instantly surrounded these six.

The object of all of whom seemed to be to kill De Clintone, whom, as he rode well in advance of his followers, they attacked simultaneously. For a minute there was a terrible scene of confusion, and then De Clintone's camel went down, and he felt himself apparently transfixed by a spear. By the time that a couple of the Egyptians had dragged the expiring camel off the prostrate Bey, not one of the six Dervishes remained alive. The blacks had them all down, and were ferociously driving their sword bayonets again and again into both them and their hobbled camels. In their blind thirst for blood, the negroes, yelling, "Revenge the Bey; the dogs have killed him!" went on hacking and stabbing until they had absolutely cut these six brave followers of the Mahdi into pieces. After De Clintone had been placed upon his feet, he vainly endeavored to stop this savage scene. The men of the Sudanese detachment, many of whom were streaming with blood themselves, utterly refused to listen to orders; they were blind with fury, mad with the lust of blood. Despite their great fatigue, Ibrahim Effendi Fehmy and Corporal Daoud had followed De Clintone to the combat, and they had found the regiment about to be determined to march them out before dawn, to practise outpost duty. They had followed, therefore, upon their tired-out horses, or rather Rothiemay's horses, with the result that they had neither of them been able to be in the forefront in the pursuing scene. For the two charges could hardly do more than crawl. They caught up, however, while this melee was going on around De Clintone, when Fehmy had the horror of seeing a bloody spear sticking out behind from under the Bey's left arm. He rushed up, and with his knife ripped up his commanding officer's white uniform jacket, which was dyed crimson, as was the shirt beneath. He insisted upon cutting, although De Clintone declared that he was not wounded, that he felt nothing. As a matter of fact, it was found that, owing to his being very thin from hard and incessant work, the broad-bladed and gleaming spear had only torn the skin off the ribs. The Dervish who struck off the ribs, but at that same second the Bey's camel had fallen, with its jugular vein divided by another Arab's spear. Thus the dreaded blade had missed its aim by some six or nine inches, and De Clintone's life was saved. The old wound in his thigh had, however, been considerably hurt by the fall of his camel, but in his grief for the loss of Lord Rothiemay, he cared nothing for either of his hurts. He could not, however, personally continue the pursuit. Fehmy, however, now hearing that Lord Rothiemay had been carried off, dead or wounded, begged that he might be allowed to do so. A little further, since Mahomed Effendi Taha, the officer in charge of the camel detachment, was wounded in the arm, Fehmy can ride back on my horse, Bey. Let me take his camel; I know all the villages, and will search them all. I may catch up the rest of the Dervishes and kill some more, and I can at all events find out if the Bimbashi is alive or dead. I will make the village speak, and perhaps I may rescue Lord Rothiemay after all. I will ride

until nightfall if need be; the hagen (riding dromedaries) are still quite fresh, and I had a bite of food at Fort Mograkkeh and feel fresh myself. Even if I were dying, I would like to go after the Bimbashi! There are not, judging by the bodies we left behind us, more than thirty of the Dervishes left alive, and probably some of those are wounded. I may capture them, Effendi!"

Thus spoke Fehmy, but he concealed the thought that was in his heart, which was that every Dervish that he might overtake should be ruthlessly slaughtered in revenge for the loss of the Major, unless he found him soon, and alive.

"Go on, Fehmy," replied De Clintone. "I wish I could go myself, but you are a brave fellow, and, as Lord Rothiemay may did, I trust you to do your best. Do not, however, pursue after night-fall. If you go too far, you may fall in with a body of those Dervishes who had the fight with at Absarat. Some of them may have followed you down the river."

"I think not, Bey," replied Fehmy, with one of his most enormous grins; "the Bimbashi—may God protect him!—killed too many of them and frightened them too much. I will go at once."

Placing himself at the head of the Camel Corps, he gave the command "Hare-Forward!" and was off at a trot. The blood-thirsty Sudanese were, however, ordered to be left behind, as their extra weight would only have hampered the pursuing party.

When he reached the next village, Fehmy overtook and had a fight with a small party of the enemy who were resting. He killed three of them and wounded another. This man happened to be a negro, and no Dervish at heart.

He cried for quarter, and said that Suleiman el Kebir was but a little way ahead. So Fehmy spared this man, but riding on picked up one or two more, whose camels had been wounded, or they themselves. The interpreter did not stop to inquire which, but shot them down. At the next village Fehmy came up with some more of the foe, who were surrounding a large mastad dhow, which must have come down from Absarat. Upon this large sailing boat several camels and a party of men had already been embarked, when Fehmy and his men, riding up the river bank, could distinctly see the body of Lord Rothiemay, in his white uniform, lying at the bottom of the boat.

With a cry of despair, Fehmy and his followers charged down on to the beach, and, while those of the enemy who had not yet embarked fled along the shore, endeavored to reach the dhow in time. Its occupants, however, let fall the huge lateen sail, and, pushing violently with poles, moved off from the shore, when the Egyptians were but a few yards away. With his revolver Fehmy shot the man at the helm, while his men also fired upon the other Dervish, however, seized the tiller, and, as there was a strong north wind blowing, the boat rapidly gained the Nile. For fear of striking the Bimbashi, the brave interpreter now ordered his men to cease firing, and sadly desisted from further pursuit.

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trophy, emblematic of the yachting  
championship of the Pacific Coast.

Arrangements for the formation of  
the syndicate among the members of  
the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club and  
local sportsmen have been in progress  
for some time, and have now reached  
such a stage that a cable was sent to  
Fife Thursday. The cost of the new  
boat, which is to be built under the  
newest international rating rule, will be  
in the neighborhood of \$25,000. While  
the cup challenger will be designed to  
lift the cup if speed and seamanship  
will do the trick, she will not by any  
means be a freak racing machine. The  
new rules prohibit that class of craft.  
Therefore the value of the cup chal-  
lenger, aside from her racing qualities,  
will not be dependent entirely on her  
ability to bring the cup to Vancouver,  
for, unlike the racing machines on  
which millions have been spent in an  
effort to lift the America cup, the pro-  
jected new craft will be a fair sea boat  
and a wholesome cruiser.

The plan by which Canada will be  
represented in the coming international  
regatta is by the formation of a syn-  
dicate of local yachtsmen who will  
each subscribe \$1,000. The yacht will  
be entered and sail under the colors  
of the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club,  
which organization will select a crew  
to sail the yacht in the cup races.  
Then after the races are over some 450  
tickets at \$1 each will be sold among  
the local yachtsmen and the yacht raffish.  
The luck winner will take the yacht  
and the proceeds will reimburse the  
syndicate.

### HOCKEY.

#### PRACTICE TO-DAY.

At Oak Bay this afternoon the Vic-  
toria ladies' team and the High school  
girls are playing a practice match.  
Some of the school girls will be re-  
quisitioned by the Victoria club to play  
against Nanaimo on the 29th inst. Ar-  
rangements are pending for a match  
against Vancouver, to be played here.  
The following is the probable team  
that will travel to Nanaimo: Goal, Miss  
Jay; backs, Misses Lowe and Buckett;  
half backs, Misses Nicholles, Sommer-  
ville and Green; forwards, Misses Hall,  
Roberts, Wilson, Clarke and Atkinson.

### RUGBY FOOTBALL.

#### TO MEET STANFORD.

Victoria Rugby football club has de-  
cided to play Stanford University at  
Seattle on January the 5th. This was  
arranged at a meeting held at the J.  
B. A. last night. It was further de-  
cided to play against Nanaimo on De-  
cember 29th, the Coal City players to  
travel to Victoria. To whip the play-  
ers into shape for these two matches a  
practice game is in progress at Oak  
Bay this afternoon.

### CHRISTMAS GAME.

On Christmas day a game will be  
played between the Centrals and James  
Bay. The idea of the match is to help  
the executive of the Victoria Rugby  
club in selecting a team to meet Stan-  
ford.

Each of the above teams is credited  
with one win, and this, the third match  
between them, should prove very close  
and exciting.

The secretary of the Victoria Rugby  
club desires it to be known that in  
selecting the team to meet Stanford  
preference will be given to players who  
have paid their subscriptions. Mem-  
ber-ship tickets may be had at Sweeney  
and McConnell's, Langley street, where  
a meeting of the executive will be held  
on Monday afternoon at 5.30 o'clock.  
Teams for the match on Christmas  
day will be selected from the follow-  
ing:

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## SPORTING NEWS

### MATCHES TO-DAY.

Two matches in the senior league and  
a practice match are in progress to-  
day.

At Oak Bay the Garrison and Wan-  
derers are battling for second place in  
the league table. The following are the  
teams:  
Wanderers—Goal, Staden; backs,  
Goward and Lormier; half backs, Hil-  
yard, Gowen and Lormier (J.); for-  
wards, Peden, Allison, Schwengers,  
Wilson and Todd.

Garrison—Goal, Dunn; backs, Sull-  
van and Warder; half backs, Morrow,  
Cobbett and Fletcher; forwards, Pro-  
vins, Greenwood, Diegan, Williamson  
and McIntyre.

At Work Point the Fifth Regiment  
has turned out a strong team to meet  
the league leaders. The Christmas  
holidays have claimed from the Bovers  
some of their best players. The regu-  
lmental team is as follows: Goal,  
Jones; backs, Kinloch and Muir; half  
backs, Campbell, Foot and Patterson;  
forwards, Earnshaw, Morley, Dakers,  
Kroeger and Berkley.  
Teams from H. M. S. Egeria and Y.  
M. C. A. are indulging in a practice  
game at Beacon Hill. The sailors are  
as strong as usual, but the Y. M. C. A.  
is confident of being victorious. The  
following team is representing Egeria:  
Goal, Stretch; backs, Wallen and Lieut.  
Davey; half backs, Etheridge, Lecore  
and Ellis; forwards, Aldis, Neaves,  
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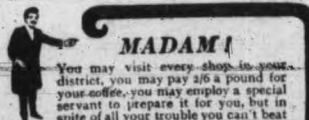
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Victoria, B. C., Dec. 18th, 1906.



VICTORIA, B. C. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1906.

## Victoria's Weather is Finest in the World

### FACTORS WHICH MODIFY THE CLIMATE OF VICTORIA

By Arthur W. McCurdy—A Paper Read Before the Natural History Society of Victoria, November 19, 1906.

"How about your climate?" "Well, it is different from that of any other place that you have ever seen," and the new arrival in Victoria at once wants to know "How it is different, and why it is different?"

If he arrives in July or August, the warmest months of the year, he finds a mean temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit, and a rainfall of less than an inch per month. If he arrives in January or February, our coldest months, he finds a mean temperature of 40 degrees and a rainfall of less than three inches per month. There may be a light fall of snow, but it soon passes away.

In July and August he finds the grass brown and dry; in January and February it is green everywhere.

He, too, realizes that the climate of Victoria is different from that of any

weather bureau summary for that year, chart XIV.

	Highest.	Lowest.
Victoria	84	23
Edmonton	87	23
Montreal	87	23
Quebec	80	19
London	84	12
Boston	84	12
New York	80	0
Washington, D. C.	86	-2
Norfolk	86	12
Atlantic City	86	12
Jacksonville, Fla.	86	17
New Orleans	86	18
Oklahoma	86	-11
St. Louis, Mo.	86	-18
Phoenix, Arizona	115	58
Chicago	86	-18
Salt Lake City	97	-4
Sacramento	110	18
Portland, Ore.	86	17
Seattle	80	20

Month	Rain.	Snow.	Rain.	Snow.
January	2.89	4.50	2.27	2.80
February	2.27	1.86	1.86	1.86
March	1.39	.67	.67	.67
April	0.21	.46	.46	.46
May	2.81	1.81	1.81	1.81
June	1.06	.45	.45	.45
July	0.10	.16	.16	.16
August	1.21	.33	.33	.33
September	4.03	2.14	2.14	2.14
October	2.51	1.50	1.50	1.50
November	6.94	4.12	4.12	4.12
December	2.82	2.40	2.40	2.40
Totals	22.61	4.50	25.48	3.20

These remarkable conditions are so startling that we at once look to the geographical features surrounding Victoria for the answer to the question "Why is the climate different from that of any other place that we have ever seen?"

The accompanying map shows high mountain ranges at a distance of 40 to 100 miles from Victoria with an opening to the Pacific between the Olympic mountains and the mountains of Vancouver Island. In this opening lies the Strait of Juan de Fuca (30 miles wide), with lowlying lands and foothills on both sides of it. Through this gap in the mountains, the prevailing southwest, west, and northwest winds, modified by the temperature of the ocean (60 degrees F. in summer, and 45 degrees F. in winter) have free access to Victoria. They give us a temperate, warm summer days and cool summer nights, and a minimum precipitation, are the following:

1. Our insular position.
  2. The very uniform temperature of the Pacific to the west of us.
  3. Prevailing westerly winds with free access to Victoria.
  4. High mountain ranges situated at such a distance that but little of the precipitation caused by them extends to Victoria.
  5. The Olympic mountains modifying the south winds, and precipitating their moisture so that these winds reach us cool and dry.
  6. Slight precipitation throughout a large portion of the year permitting abundant sunshine during those periods.
- I may add that the climate of Victoria during July and August of the present year (1906) reminded me very much of that of the valley of the Nile during the months of January and February. The rays of the sun were about as hot; the air as dry, the nights as cool, and there was so little rain that it was hardly noticeable.

### The Holly-H's Its Home In Victoria.

With trembling fingers did we write the holly round the Christmas hearth.

In connection with the yuletide which is now close at hand it is interesting to note that the first mention of holly as a Christmas embellishment is a carol in its praise written about the year 1400. Since then, around this evergreen, history and common usage have piled up a host of superstitions, and experiment has also discovered that in this shrub or tree there exist qualities of such a nutritive and medicinal character that it is indeed questionable if in the realm of nature there is such a sentimental, and at the same time, such an interesting plant.

Of all the cities on the Pacific coast Victoria is most admirably situated by nature for the growth of the holly tree. Into this city the pioneers would seem to have carried that sentiment which holds such complete sway in the Old Country—the sentiment which teaches that Christmas without holly is like Hamlet without the Prince of Denmark. For years the plant has been cultivated here, both in nurseries and in private gardens; and this year Victoria is the emporium which is supplying many of the coast cities with the festive decoration. During the past few days the Times has sent hundreds of souvenir boxes, containing a few sprigs adorned with scarlet berries, all over the Dominion, and even further afield.

About this valuable and ornamental tree there have sprung up countless superstitions. But even in the Times Christmas pages there is not unlimited space, and it is only possible to mention a few.

In England—the home of the holly—in the county of Rutland, it is deemed unlucky to introduce the plant into a house before Christmas Eve. But in Derbyshire, even a stranger superstition prevails. It is to the effect that, as the holly brought into the house is either smooth or rough, so the husband or wife in that house will be master. Not so very long ago in Germany the idea was vulgarly prevalent that consecrated twigs of the plant hung over a door were a protection against thunder. And this latter superstition is not so ludicrous when it is remembered that the name holly is derived from the word holly, and that it was so called because of its common usage in decorating churches at Christmas.

But holly has qualities which from a materialistic standpoint far transcend its sentimental value. The leaves of the tree when ground fine may be used medicinally in cases of gout and rheumatism. They may also be used as an astringent and as a tonic. The leaves and small branches chopped fine will do for feeding sheep, while the berries are manna to the birds when snow is on the ground. Although the leaves are inodorous, when eaten they leave a mucilaginous, bitter and austere taste in the mouth. The wood of the holly tree is almost as white as ivory and is used by cabinet makers, turners, musical instrument makers, and also in wood engraving. Besides these uses already mentioned, holly is planted as a hedge, and owing to the fact that it bears clipping well, it is often trimmed into ornamental trees, and in this fashion, and in grotesque shapes and forms of birds and animals, it adorns the gardens of many an Old Country homestead.

Yet eminently useful as all these attributes are, at this season of the year, they are forgotten, or, if remembered, soon fade away before the sentimental usage which has been hallowed by bygone ages. Man invariably pictures an ideal of Christmas in which the evergreen scarlet-berried tree plays no insignificant part. He pictures a snow covered country with the light flake particles falling amidst a profound silence, only broken at intervals by the sound of church bells. The air is cold, crisp and rarified. Around the windows of his snug and cosy home hop fluffy birds, pitiously calling for crumbs. Within doors are roaring fires built up with blazing logs. On the walls, surrounding the picture frames, and suspended from the chandelier, are festoons and bunches of the immortal evergreen. And at night time, when the blinds are drawn and games are at their height, when the old folk are gathered round the fire and reminiscences are being banded to and fro, ever and anon some allusion will be made to those silent green leaves and scarlet berries which adorn the home. Some tribute will be paid to that plant which as long as the world lasts will be inseparably associated with Christmas Day.

The ideal summer temperature is one where the mean maximum for the month of July during a long period of years is not in excess of 65 degrees Fahr.

The ideal winter temperature is one where the mean minimum for the month of January over a long period of years is as high as 35 degrees Fahr.

The ideal all-the-year climate is the one where both of these conditions obtain.

There is only one such spot in the world and that is in the Straits of San Juan de Fuca, a few miles from Victoria, B. C.

By the mean maximum temperature of July is meant the average during the month of July of the highest temperatures obtained on each day of the month.

By the mean minimum temperature for January is meant an average of the coldest temperature attained each day in the month of January.

The United States weather bureau compiles these averages and has issued

### STRIKING FACTS REVEALED BY DATA OF WEATHER BUREAUS

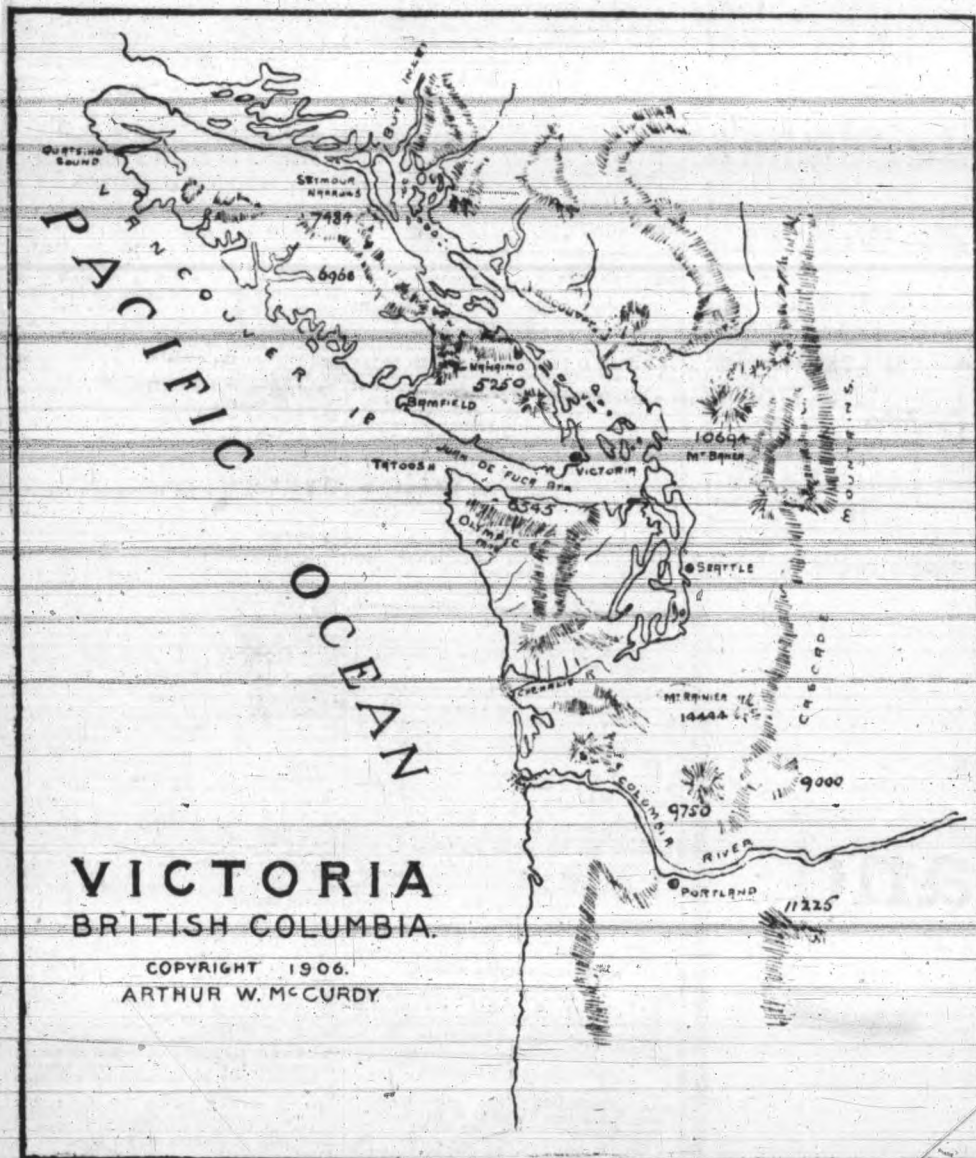
By C. C. Chapman, of the Chapman Advertising Agency, and President Ad. Men's Association, Portland, Ore.

thirty years enters the United States from the Atlantic at Cape Hatteras, passes south of Raleigh and Charlotte, far south of Asheville, south of Atlanta to Birmingham, Memphis and Little Rock, just north of Fort Worth, Texas, and dips down into Mexico, passing 200 miles south of El Paso, New Mexico is skipped entirely and the line comes up to California through the lower altitudes of Southern Arizona and comes straight up through California and Oregon about 100 miles from the coast. Portland is thoroughly on the line, which passes Tacoma a few miles east of that town and Seattle, passes Puget

(Mont.), then up north through eastern British Columbia. This line in the central part of the United States is almost co-incident with the 35 degrees line. Thus the central part of the United States represents what might be called climate at its worst, so far as extremes of hot and cold weather are concerned, while the city of Victoria represents climate at its best.

The charts, etc., from which the above analysis is compiled can be obtained from the United States weather bureau at Washington, D. C., and from the department at Ottawa.

(The foregoing remarkable article and



other place that he has ever seen.

On the accompanying map of North America I have marked points having a mean temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit for July and August, and those having a mean temperature of 40 degrees for January and February, joining them by an isothermal line running from the coast line.

The summer isotherm of 60 degrees after leaving Victoria enters the mainland north of Vancouver and runs inside the coast line as far north as the Yukon, then bending southeast it passes south of Hudson Bay, north of Quebec, and enters the Atlantic at Sydney, Nova Scotia. South of this line it is hotter than in Victoria in July and August, and north of it, it is colder.

The winter isotherm of 40 degrees after leaving Victoria, enters the mainland at Seattle and runs inside the coast line as far south as Phoenix, Arizona. Then crossing the Southern States, enters the Atlantic at Norfolk, Virginia. South of this line it is warmer than in Victoria in January and February, and north of it is colder.

So that, on the Pacific coast in Victoria we find the temperature of Nova Scotia in summer, and that of Norfolk, Virginia, in winter. This is the more remarkable when we consider that Victoria is 150 miles further north than Sydney, and 700 miles further north than Norfolk.

It will be noticed that all other cities mentioned have a higher temperature than Victoria, and, with the exception of Phoenix, Arizona, have also a lower temperature.

The following table affords a comparison of Victoria's average rain and snow fall with that of other Canadian cities for a 20 year period:

	Rain.	Snow.
Victoria	20.7	17.6
Montreal	20.1	12.4
Sydney, N. S.	45.5	32.6

From the above it will be seen that the average rainfall of Victoria is similar to that of Montreal, Winnipeg's being less and Sydney's greater, and that the snowfall of Victoria is one-seventh of that of Montreal, one-fifth of that of Sydney, and one-third of that of Winnipeg.

The following table gives the absolute rain and snow fall in inches during 1906 in:

	Rain.	Snow.
Victoria	22	15
Winnipeg	16	42
Montreal	25	120
Sydney	36	125
Boston	28	45
New York	38	58
Washington, D. C.	47	41
Norfolk, Va.	31	12

perature comparatively cool in summer and warm in winter, and carry much of their moisture beyond us to be precipitated on the distant mountain ranges.

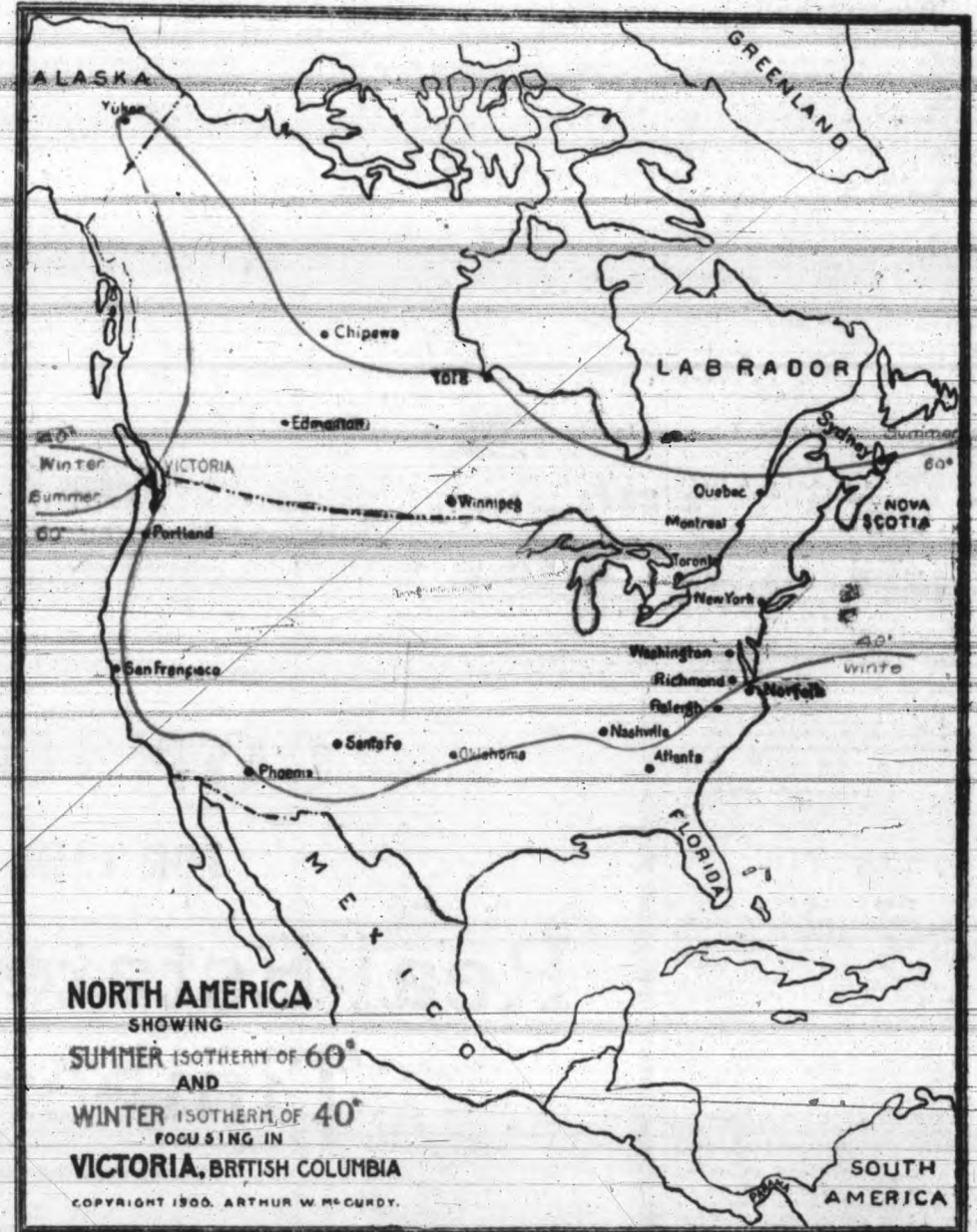
The south winds from the Pacific, passing over the Olympic mountains drop their moisture there in the form of rain or snow and come to us as cool and dry winds.

The following table will afford comparison between the precipitation at Victoria and at stations nearer the mountain ranges upon Vancouver Island and the mainland:

	Precipitation During 1906 in Inches.
Victoria, B. C.	22.51
Tatoosh, U. S. A.	63.74
Hamblet, B. C.	53.43
Nanaimo, B. C.	42.80
New Westminster, B. C.	52.82

Southeast, east, northeast and north are not prevailing winds, and have comparatively little influence on our climate, but when we do have a north-east wind blowing from the mainland in winter or spring, as we had for a week or ten days in March of this year, the temperature drops several degrees below freezing, and the change is felt keenly. In summer the north wind, blowing over a heated land surface, is our warmest wind. There has been an occasional cold winter with considerable snow, notably 1893, but it is unusual, and has little effect on the average temperature of a number of years.

I would suggest, therefore, that among the factors which modify the climate of Victoria, giving us our mild



official reports showing them for the last thirty years. These figures are graphically presented in what are known as "Isothermal Charts." Isothermal means equal temperature. On these charts are shown isothermal lines or lines of equal temperature. These lines wind around and out according to "where the temperature is equal at a given period, or where over a given period the average is the same. The isothermal line of the mean maximum temperature of July for thirty years passes or crosses the American continent almost entirely in Canada. It barely touches the tip of the state of Maine, beginning as it does in Newfoundland and crossing Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, the province of Quebec near Quebec, turning north to Hudson's Bay, skirting Saskatchewan and Alberta, and dropping almost south along the British Columbia coast, passing through Victoria, skirting the Olympics and the Washington coast, and dipping into Oregon for just a few miles.

The isothermal line of the minimum temperature of July of 35 degrees for

Sound skirting the Olympics and crossing the straits just southwest of Victoria.

While in the straits it crosses the mean summer temperature isothermal line and fixes the one point on this hemisphere where this ideal temperature combination is achieved.

As a climatic contrast can be taken the isothermal line of 35 degrees covering the mean maximum temperature of July for the thirty years. This line, passing near Washington (D.C.), Philadelphia, New York, Billings (Montana), passes near Denver and Chicago, up near Pocatello (Idaho), almost to Spokane, south through Walla Walla to Eastern Oregon and Nevada, north up into Oregon and south through California, passing almost through Los Angeles. That is hot weather with a vengeance.

Then there is the cold weather line, being the isothermal line of 15 degrees above zero as the mean minimum temperature for January for thirty years, passing near Boston, Albany, Buffalo, Ottawa, Grand Haven, Chicago, Des Moines, Denver, Pocatello, Kallispell

diagram, constituting perhaps the best advertisement yet prepared of Victoria as a tourist and residential city, has been specially prepared for the Times by C. C. Chapman, president of the Chapman Advertising Agency, of Portland, Ore. Mr. Chapman was the first to discover the unique and striking facts outlined in the article and briefly referred to them in an address before the Pacific Advertising Men's Association at the recent gathering at Victoria. The subject seemed to be one of such importance to Victoria in its campaign for residents that he was asked by the Times to prepare for this paper a concise statement along the lines indicated. This Mr. Chapman has kindly done.

The accompanying chart has been kindly loaned the Times for the purpose of illustrating the article by Arthur W. McCurdy of this city, who is making a study of the same subject. Text and chart in conjunction form together, with a statement of precipitation, the best talking point for advertising for settlers possessed by any city in the world.—Ed.)

### ALFRED BEIT'S HEIR.

Otto Beit, who has fallen heir to the greater portion of Alfred Beit's fortune, has decided to continue to reside in his own house on Belgrave Square, London, so he wants to sell Alfred's \$5,000,000 palace on Park Lane. When Beit was building this house his ground landlord, the Duke of Westminster, compelled him to have it only one story, as otherwise it would interfere

with the view across Hyde Park from the duke's own residence. The motor omnibus, however, has transformed Park Lane from a quiet, semi-sylvan thoroughfare into one of the noisiest and smelliest in London, greatly depreciating property along it.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

## THE FIRST CHRISTMAS GIFT.

The International Sunday School Lesson for December 23rd is a Christmas Lesson. John 1: 1-4. The Golden Text is "They Presented Unto Him Gifts." Matt. 11, 11.

By William T. Ellis.

Christmas is in everybody's thought. The air is filled with the holiday spirit. Christmas buying and selling, giving and receiving, are engrossing general attention. Let only the superficial aspects of this great day should engage people's interests, it is well that the custom exists in the Sunday schools of making this lesson for the Sunday preceding Christmas a typical lesson.

"The Birth of Jesus" might well be called the title of the present lesson, for it was an event important, historically and spiritually, and is as seasonable as well.

The deeper meaning of Christmas is to be kept prominent. It should not be allowed to become a mere holiday; it is that, true enough, but it is also vastly more—true holiday, for it commemorates the most sacred event in all history. Christmas is more than an occasion for the exchange of gifts of friendship; it is a reminder of the incarnation of the divine Son of God, with all that is meant by that tremendous fact. We miss the true secret of Christmas joy if we leave Christ out of our Christmas celebration.

Wise Men From Afar.

There is an underlying fascination about that portion of the sacred record which has been set apart as the Christmas lesson—the visit of the Wise Men. Something of the mystery of the East pervades the story. Who were these three Wise Men? What were their names and what their country? Were they kings, astrologers, nobles or priests? How long had they journeyed? What was the star they saw, and how did they understand its significance? We do not know. Tradition has been busy, but history has been silent. In mystery was incarnate their figures loom up on the page of revelation lighted only by the beams from the star that was their beckoning guide.

In heathen darkness they were given light to seek more light. Their search for truth had been rewarded by the sight of a star, which led them to the newborn King who should rule in the golden age and to lay before Him their gifts. There is inspiration for every person who would be true to his loftiest conceptions of truth and duty in this story of the idealistic, persevering and achieving Wise Men.

Following the Star.

Everybody has glimpses of a higher, nobler life, of spiritual possibilities and of unselfish service, but only the few have the purpose and resolution to follow this gleam. The story of the Wise Men is less that they saw the star than that they followed it. They followed it steadily day after day, in weariness and hope, despite obstacles and discouragements, and all the while they were back from their seemingly mad quest. With a singleness of devotion that is a thing of beauty, they adhered steadily to their purpose and pursued their quest until Bethlehem and the Child were reached.

They were men who would not be sidetracked from a lofty ideal, as also do many of us. Neither Herod nor the Jews could swerve them from their noble purpose. They sought until they found, and their reward was to see the newborn King who should rule in the golden age and to lay before Him their gifts. There is inspiration for every person who would be true to his loftiest conceptions of truth and duty in this story of the idealistic, persevering and achieving Wise Men.

Some Other Persons.

All the characters in this story are not heroes. In contrast with the nobility of the Wise Men the petty jealousy of Herod, the indifference of the Jewish scholars and the faithlessness of the Jews stand out the more clearly. It is inconceivable that the vision of the star and its significance was confined to these three. And even so they would have shared the news with neighbors and kindred spirits. But of all who knew, they alone had the courage to undertake the difficult quest. Even at so early a period Jesus was a divider of men, as He is to-day. He is forever separating the wheat from the chaff, as it were, from the unit.

Old Herod, plotting with wickedness, saw in the Wise Men only tools for his malignant revenge. Their news of a new-born king aroused his jealous passions, which never slept soundly. His heart was fevered with all kinds of evil, and out of it could come no thought of tolerance or nobleness or unselfishness. So with clumsy cunning, he planned to learn where this possible usurper of his throne was to be found, that he might slay Him. Futility folly!

The deadness of the spiritual life of the ecclesiastical leaders of the Jews at this period is seen in the indifference of the priests and the scribes to this strange intimation that the Messiah had come. They knew where He was to be born, but there was none of them to hasten with eager feet over the few miles to Bethlehem to verify or disprove the rumor brought by these gentle Easterners. Sad examples, these, of men whose religion had become a mere form.

The Goal at Last.

Inspired by the tidings which they gained at Herod's palace, that the neighboring village of Bethlehem was their probable destination, the Wise Men set forth on the last short stage of their wonderful journey. They had not found the promised King in a palace; would they be disappointed to discover Him in a humble cottage in an obscure town? No, for they were wise men who could look beyond outward appearance, and perceive the essential unlikeliness of Herod and the possible deity of this little babe on Mary's knee. They had no difficulty in finding the house. The birth in the manger, and the story of the shepherds, had attracted public attention to the little family, and room had been made for them in the house of some friend or relative. The visit of the Wise Men was not to the stable, but to pictures and poems to the contrary notwithstanding.

The stately strangers entered the lowly dwelling and did obeisance to Mary's babe, much to the wonderment of interested onlookers. At the feet they poured out the first Christmas gifts—gold, frankincense and myrrh—in a rich store that would make possible the ensuing sojourn in Egypt. Their serenity and joyfulness were not impaired by the state in which



W. T. ELLIS.

they found the infant King. They bowed the star, and in happy satisfaction hailed Him as deliverer of the race.

The Apotheosis of Childhood.

The adoration of the Wise Men is typical of the new place that childhood has had in the world since the first Christmas morn. Christianity is the only religion that honors the child. Since Jesus came as Mary's babe, all childhood has been sanctified. The little ones in every Christian home are more precious because Jesus, too, was once a child. The nearness of the Infinite to our humanity was made very real at Bethlehem. To-day, as the whole world does honor to the memory of the Christ-child, we are but following in the train of the Wise Men of old.

Young People's Societies.

The Best Gifts.

The Uniform Topic for the Young People's Societies for December 23rd is: "How Can We Carry the Christmas Spirit Through 1907?" Luke 11, 3-20.

By William T. Ellis.

By Loving Kindness Toward All. The sweetest note in all the glad Christmas anthems has been the note of love. The angel message that broke the stillness of that starry night on Bethlehem's hills was a message of love; the surpassing love of God to man; and the love that should be shed abroad among men throughout all the earth. This Christmas has echoed the same refrain—the message of love.

By the Practice of Self-Sacrifice. The message of the manger is a message of self-sacrifice. Christ found the stable as fitting a dwelling-place as the throne of heaven. The disciple will be imitating closely the royal example of his Master every time he takes a manner of humility, self-surrender and service.

By Greater Consideration to His Service. To the babe in His lowliness Wise

Men brought precious gifts. And shall we not be as wise as they in bringing to the King in His exaltation the priceless gifts of love and service and consecration? One loyal heart, humbly offered, is more highly esteemed by Christ than a gift of all the gold, frankincense and myrrh of the Orient.

By Our Worship—Christ is worthy of worship. Human hearts everywhere should bow down to Him in adoration and adoration. The Christmas spirit is a spirit of worship.

By Bearing the Christmas Message to Those Who Know It Not—A world-conquering missionary crusade was inaugurated by the angelic host on that first Christmas morn. The angels have returned to heaven, but they have left to men the duty of repeating their refrain. The Christmas gospel is to be proclaimed every day and everywhere by all who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

The nearness of the Son of God to lowly ones of earth, to the poor and to the lowly, is one of the sweetest of Christmas thoughts. No more we labor and endure alone, for Jesus, in His tender and understanding sympathy, is with us to comfort and cheer and bless.

A Christmas Prayer—Hear the prayer we offer, blessed Giver of good gifts. May the Christmas spirit abound in our lives always. Let the joy of the Lord shine from our faces, and the peace of Christ reign in our hearts, until a new Christmas has dawned for every life we may touch. Amen.

## NEWS AND NOTES.

Rev. F. R. Meyer, of London, will resign his pastorate in May, 1907, and devote himself to evangelistic work.

For every dollar contributed by Baptists for the repair or rebuilding of churches in California, when the \$5000 mark is reached, the American Baptist Association will contribute another dollar.

Mr. William J. Bryan has recently published a book entitled "The World Tour in which he describes his missionary journey and summarizes his impressions of America's missions abroad in a way most favorable to this enterprise.

A syndicated letter published weekly in three hundred labor magazines is one of the latest efforts of Rev. Charles Steidle, the head of the department of labor of the Presbyterian church, to bring the workingman in closer touch with the church.

Rev. Dr. F. R. Clark, the founder of the Society of Christian Endeavor, is urging this organization to co-operation with evangelistic movements recommending that the next three months be distinctive, devoted to this line of work.

The various Young Women's Christian Associations of the country will be represented by delegates at a convention to be held in New York in December, and this for the first time will be discussed. The new organization will be called the Young Women's Christian Association of the United States of America, and its executive body will be called the national board.

A great meeting in the interests of the national Sunday movement was held at the Mansions Hotel, London, on November 1st. This movement is supported by all Christian churches in the kingdom; its purpose being to secure a weekly rest day for all people, it having been found that in the Sunday markets of London alone more than 100,000 people were working.

The Methodist Episcopal church recommends the consolidation of its six benevolent societies to three: the foreign missionary board having its headquarters in New York, the home missionary society in Philadelphia, with the remaining societies grouped in one with headquarters

at Cincinnati. The amount of money appropriated for missionary purposes for the coming year is \$1,000,000.

The Hawaiian evangelist churches having no theological school in which to train candidates for the ministry, will in future send all such students to Hartford Theological Seminary. The first Hawaiian student at Hartford, has this year entered the junior class.

A conference is to be held in Boston December 28th, to consider the question of a forward movement along educational lines for the foreign peoples in the United States. The gathering will be representative of various interests and different parts of the country.

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Christianity is an expansion of Christ. —Amos R. Wells.

Who taught mankind on that first Christmas Day? What 'twas to be a man; to give, not take; To serve, not rule; to nourish, not de-

liver. —Charles Kingsley.

Though Christ a thousand times In Bethlehem be born; If He's not born in thee, Thy soul is still forlorn. —Anon.

And this is the marvel to mortals revealed, When the silvery trumpets of Christmas have pealed, That mankind are the children of God. —Phillips Brooks.

What I spent I had, What I kept I lost, What I gave I have. —Old Epitaph.

Lift up yourselves to the great meaning of Christmas Day and dare to think of your humanity as something so sublimely precious that it is worthy of being made an offering to God. —Phillips Brooks.

The heart must ring like Christmas bells, Thy inward altars raise, Its faith and hope Thy canticles, And its obedience praise. —Whittier.

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## OUR LONDON LETTER

London, Nov. 20.—The new Lord Mayor, Sir William Trevelyan, has lost his time on his accession to that dignity, in using his influence towards the terms of the condition of the crippled mites of London, whose welfare has always had so much at heart. When he was Alderman Trevelyan, his name was widely known for his philanthropic interest in the crippled children of the metropolis. Every Christmas he provided a dinner of roast beef, plum pudding and other luxuries which several hundred of the little maimed creatures partook of in a huge hall. Each child, too, as he or she left the hall was presented with a "parcel of Christmas fare." This year, however, in a new role of Lord Mayor of London, Sir William Trevelyan is extending his benevolence and has made a public appeal for funds, in order that the crippled children may have something more substantial than a Christmas dinner to brighten their stunted lives. A hearty response to the appeal has been the result and His Majesty the King wrote to the Lord Mayor expressing his great sympathy with the scheme. Collections are, therefore, being made by all the London mayors, so that a substantial amount is expected to be subscribed.

"Command" Performances. One of the special forms of entertainment which King Edward reserves for royal guests at Windsor is a "command" performance of some successful London play. The visit of King Haakon and Queen Maud furnished an occasion for such a performance. In compliance with the usual custom, therefore, Mr. Lewis Waller presented the romantic play "Robin Hood" to a royal audience this week. Of course it is a much desired honor and all theatrical managers like to be "commanded" at Windsor. But the general public hardly realize how very nice the joys of such an appearance are. The journey is an hour's run from town. The whole company, comprising scene-shifters, dressers, electricians and supernumeraries of various kinds, together with scenery, dresses and so on, must be sent. When the play is over, and a hurried supper, followed by a more hurried supper, to turn out into the cold of a bleak winter morning at 2 o'clock and catch a train back to London is not the most pleasant ending one could desire to an evening of high pressure and nervous tension. However, we have all to pay for the joys of "fame" in some coin or other, and not sympathy but deepest envy is in the hearts of their colleagues towards the "command" performers at Windsor Castle.

Old St. Paul's. Many times has the cry of "wool" gone forth with regard to St. Paul's cathedral and the danger to its foundations through the underground network of sewers and pipes of all descriptions which are necessary in a great city of London. But the cry has died down and we find our cathedral as safe as ever. Once again, however, we are told that this time surely the "wool" is coming, but unlike the well known fable, we are taking heed of the cry and decisive steps are being taken to prevent any risk to one of our finest edifices. To use the official wording of the experts' report the danger threatened is summed up as follows: "A serious subsidence of the ground has been discovered at the south side of St. Paul's cathedral and the south-west tower shows a deviation from the perpendicular of thirteen inches." This sounds sufficiently alarming to the man in the street and when he learns that the cause is that a huge sewer, begun two years ago by the London county council is being sunk in the immediate vicinity of St. Paul's, it is not surprising that he agrees with the authorities in putting a stop to the work in hand, in order to make certain that its continuance will not result in the collapse of one of London's most splendid buildings. Experts are engaged in submitting opinions on the danger threatened.

Navigation by Airship. Aeronauts will surely find incentive enough to their genius in the offer of a London newspaper to give £10,000 prize to the inventor of an airship or flying machine that will cover the journey between their offices on the Embankment to their branch office in Manchester, in one day, without mishap. Two stoppages are allowed for petrol. Several additions to the prize offered have been made by enthusiasts and now the amount of the prize has reached £15,500 for the man who successfully flies on an aeroplane of his own invention the distance set down. If ever we are to have a flying machine, it ought to come along now. But unfortunately even a golden key is not magnetic enough to open the gates of genius and the man may not be living who has it in him to supply the world with what would be the most wonderful of all modern inventions.

Cooking Exhibit. "Too many cooks spoil the broth" is a well worn adage, but a visit to the Cookery Exhibition now being held in London will soon dispel that idea, for no less than six cooks were employed in the preparing of a dinner of five courses. True they were juvenile cooks—children from the elementary cookery schools competing for a prize, but the dinner they cooked was highly satisfactory, when punctually within two hours it came forth from ovens and saucepans complete, ready to be eaten by anyone brave enough to do so. These cookery competitions are receiving the encouragement they so much need, for in this country we have a reputation for bad cooking, which, it must be admitted, is more or less deserved. The fare in middle-class homes becomes nauseating from its sameness and it is high time that a more general knowledge of this useful art should be made compulsory in our schools.

Patti's Farewell. The retirement of Madame Patti from at least the London concert platform

takes place this week, when she gives her farewell concert at the Albert hall. Keen regret is felt by all lovers of music that the great singer will appear no more after this year. But everyone agrees with her wishes in disappearing from the music world before her beautiful voice has lost its charm. Much is being written about the great diva and some interesting facts concerning her collection of souvenirs give some insight into what those fortunate enough to climb Fame's giddy heights may expect. Madame Patti met and knew every crowned head in Europe and all the interesting people of the age. Many wonderful gifts form part of her collection of jewels. She received some exquisite sapphires as a wedding present from the Princess Eugenie. Her rubies were the gift of Queen Victoria, and she possesses some beautiful diamonds and turquoise which were given her by four Russian grand dukes in an excess of admiration for her exquisite singing. Countless are the number of bouquets, rings, combs and ornaments of every description, all of which are gifts from noble and illustrious families. In her case, at all events, her voice was above the price of rubies.

Free Whiskey. An extraordinary accident happened in a Glasgow whiskey distillery, which resulted in a deluge of the hot liquid through the streets, carrying men, women and even horses with it. One of the huge vats collapsed in the highest part of the building and let loose 40,000 gallons of hot whiskey. The force of its impact with other vats resulted in the escape of over 120,000 gallons, which flooded the neighboring streets, and so great was the force of the torrent that men and horses were thrown across the narrow roadways. People were "blasted" in the liquid and fearful panic ensued. It struck a bakehouse near the distillery and carried away the machinery and the staircase. Men at work there were terrified and escaped from windows at the top of the house. Happily only one life was lost, though many people were seriously injured.

Coal Products. Some interesting figures about the world's coal production are given in a return issued this week, showing the output of the five principal coal producing countries in 1905. The figures are: 238,129,000 tons for the United Kingdom; 119,249,000 for Germany; 73,780,000 for France; 21,506,000 for Belgium and for the United States 350,821,000 tons. The figures for the United Kingdom, the United States, Germany and France are higher for each than in the previous year, but in Belgium the output shows a decline. Britain leads when the population is taken into consideration, notwithstanding the fact the American production exceeds the British by nearly 50 per cent. In the United Kingdom the amount equals five and a half tons per head; in America four and a quarter tons per head.

Should Actresses Marry? Paris is going one better than London in the way of a newspaper correspondence and to the pertinent question "Should Actresses Marry?" the Parisian press has managed to get the opinion of all the leading French play-writers. This is more than London editors are able to accomplish, the most they can do is to start a correspondence signed by a "big name," but they are unable to make the great ones of the earth give their valued opinions. With regard to the Paris correspondence, some of the opinions are evasive. Sardou thinks that it all depends on the lady, the gentleman and the circumstances. Coppée thinks it is nobody's business but the actress' own. Capus gives the cynical opinion that in these days of divorce, marriage itself is but a light comedy, but the divine Sarah's opinion is the most serious of all, she says: "If an actress' ideal leads her towards marriage, let her marry. But having taken a guide, let her follow him, though he lead her out of her chosen career."

Miss Dare's Traducer. The adjourned hearing of the Seymour-Hicks libel case took place at Liverpool this week and a sentence of eight months' imprisonment was passed on the man who had repeated an atrocious statement calculated to take away the character of the popular young actress, Miss Phyllis Dare. Some months back Miss Dare was recalled from the school in Brussels where she was finishing her education, and given Miss Edna May's part in the "Belle of Mayfair." This decisive step was taken, most people thought, in order to give the lie to the scandal that had gone far and wide by the public appearance in London of the young actress. Much sympathy is felt for the charming girl whose success in musical comedy was so sudden and complete. But her own charming personality has done more to do away with the impression created by her connection with this libel case, than anything else.

Telegraphic Photography. Of the many wonderful inventions of modern times that of photography by telegram is certainly not the least. In a London paper this week two portraits appear, which were sent from Munich to Paris, a distance of over 1,000 miles. The inventor is a young German, Professor Korn, who has been experimenting for several years and has only just now perfected his invention. The operation of the taking of the photograph on the receiving film only lasts about ten minutes, irrespective of the distance it has been telegraphed. A full description of the process appears in the London press, but it is too scientific to include in this short paragraph. We hear, however, that there is another inventor, a young French engineer, who claims to have invented a still better system of photography by telegram. This young man's feats in the telephotographic line are said to be enough to take one's breath away, and he hopes to perfect a still greater miracle than the telephone,

telegraph or photo-telegraph. He intends to solve the problem of sight at a distance and apply his invention to the telephone, so that in the near future one will not only be able to talk to one's dearest friend, but to see him as well when circumstances keep both far apart.

Sensational Divorce Case.

The verdict in the recent sensational breach of promise case, which a fair fortnight ago brought against a German millionaire's son, was not given because the jury disagreed and the case is to come on again. Meanwhile the fact that an agreement was not arrived at by the "twelve good men and true," is exercising the minds of most people. Sympathy is not extended very generously to the fair plaintiff, who, from the revelations that came to light during the trial can hardly be classed amongst that portion of confiding womanhood, who from time to time is the victim of a "base deceiver," under the false pretense of marriage.

Fair Plaintiff on Stage. With an eye to box office receipts, which a reputation, disreputable or otherwise, seems to extend proportionately nowadays, the enterprising Mr. George Edwards has secured the service of the fair plaintiff in the case above referred to, for the diptych piece, and she is to appear shortly to satisfy the curiosity of a certain class of play-goers. These little peccadilloes, which actresses are fond of indulging in, come as blessings in disguise to theatrical managers who are fostering dull plays on the public—for want of good ones it should in justice be admitted. "Aladdin," the present diptych piece, is nothing from the number of appreciative letters which are being received daily by the Daily Mail it will be a most welcome innovation to those who suffer from, perhaps, the greatest of all afflictions, that of blindness.

The Play. The opera season at Covent Garden has gone steadily on without creating much beyond the ordinary impression that we can go and hear well known operatic singers and renew our acquaintance with Wagner's music or any composer who takes our fancy. But there have been no sensations in the way of new prima donnas until this week a new Carmen, who promises to be the star in the operatic sky for some time to come, took London by storm or at least that portion of it fortunate enough to be at Covent Garden on her first appearance. Miss Maria Gay is, probably, by temperament fitted for the part, for she is a Spaniard. The critics are unanimous

in declaring her interpretation equal to Madame Calve's, but they emphasize the fact that she is not an imitator, but gives a subtle interpretation of her own. Like all true artists she is an enthusiast and, it is said, she actually lived amongst the cigarette makers and became herself a factory girl, in order to imbue her part with realism, by a thorough study of the type she was to represent.

For the Blind. A triumph in the journalistic world will be witnessed this week, when the Saturday's edition of the Daily Mail comes out, for part of the publication is exclusively for the blind and will be printed in raised Braille characters. It is to come out weekly and the charge is only one penny, and it is purely a philanthropic venture and is not issued with any idea of financial gain. Judiciously the dull production in the musical comedy lines which London has witnessed for some time. But hey presto! There comes along an actress "with a past." Her services are engaged forthwith and a "boom" for the play she is to appear in is a foregone conclusion.

The Vogue. Reading some very sage remarks recently on women's dress, one had to agree that they were in great part true. Nowadays, the writer remarked, the modern woman is altered to meet the requirements of her gown and hat, instead of these garments being chosen to suit her particular style of beauty. If she goes to a milliner some extraordinary example of headgear is brought forth, in which she looked a "perfect fright," and on her making the aforesaid exclamation, the milliner explains she must really alter her style of hairdressing, "madame must wear it much higher." But madame cannot because she does not possess an extravagant quantity of hair. Nothing daunted the milliner suggests that she must wear a "transformation," and goes into raptures over the amethysts, the Frenchness, the up-to-dateness of the hat in question, until her poor victim weakly gives in. It is the same with her frock. She perhaps suggests to her dressmaker that a particular style of skirt does not suit her figure. But that obliging individual immediately assures her that it can be made to suit her. If madame's hips are too thin for a tight-fitting skirt, then they must be padded, and so on. It would seem, too, that the lack of character in our clothes should be also emphasized in our faces. The modern idea of beauty seems to be insipidity and the only remark ever made about a woman seems to be with regard to "the sweet frock she wore." A beautiful

woman clothed in a simple gown would be passed over nowadays for the doll dressed in what is recognized as the "very latest."

The Fashions. A look round the shops in the West End shows that the mild weather is keeping fashions in the transitory stage and autumn styles still prevail. Managers of big West End firms are in despair at the little demand for heavy goods, and they have to keep supplementing their autumn stock instead of ordering in a winter one. Never were net and lace blouses made to do duty before in mid-November, at least to such an extent as they are at present. And the demand for furs is reduced almost to nil. Who wants to turn out in a stable or caracol coat in weather mild enough to admit of a cream flannel? Not the modern woman, who dearly loves light summery things at the best of times.

Hats are taking the most weird flights as far as eccentricity goes. The word "flight" might almost be taken literally, for their chief trimming consists of extraordinary birds that were never seen on land or sea and who look as if they were perched on a little nest of velvet or fur, preparatory to taking a soar amid the clouds. Should any such miracle happen as that one of these strange bird specimens came to life, their feathered friends would be considerably astonished to find, say, a homely thrush's head rising triumphant from a bunch of coo's feathers, or a London sparrow with the plumage of a bird of paradise. I fancy that those concerned about the slaughter of birds would find that many of the specimens seen in the millinery establishments are made up from the pluckings of the country farmyard and dyed to represent the gorgeous creations we see in the Regent street shops.

"Shakespeare enriched the English language with no fewer than 9,600 new words, 2,000 more than Milton made," said Sir William Bailey, in the course of a paper to the Manchester Shakespeare Society.

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### How the Devil-God Lost His Head.

By J. Theo. Wilson.

When silhouetted against the azure of a sunset sky, seen through a rift in the Rockies, the massive column at the apex of Devil's mountain is seen, a source of momentary fear seizes upon all beholders. The approach to the taboored valley of the Blackfeet Indians from the west is well worthy of the old, uncanny legends told about it. Lake Minnewanka, Devil's lake, is one of the glories of the Canadian national park. Its waters are almost black, of an unfathomable depth, and surrounded on all sides by precipitous mountains. It appears suitable for the western confines of the valley of Wanka, the Indian's evil spirit.

And when the lake, that follows in course a parallel of latitude, is traversed, entrance is at once given to the pass made sacred by a thousand years' traditions in the eyes of all orthodox Blackfeet. A narrow beach of shingle, stretching in a graceful curve for a couple of hundred yards, affords a good landing place for the canoe. The beach is backed by a clump of mighty firs and hemlock. There are traces of old trails, passable by only one at a time, and one is chosen lending opportunity towards the mountain at the head of the pass. The path is traversed for about a quarter of a mile, when it stops abruptly in front of an enormous mass of granite. It is only after much scrambling over fallen logs and matted underbrush that a detour is made successfully, and when the other side is reached it is seen that the obstruction is a mighty boulder. Circular in shape, with a diameter of at least fifty feet, its track can be traced far up the valley. This mass is the head of Wanka, the devil god of the Blackfeet. Now comes the story of how the devil lost his head.

The valley is a place of sudden storms; of mighty thunder claps that so reverberating with innumerable echoes among the craggy fastnesses. When the lightning flashes it seems to lick at the hillsides and gather fresh power as it rives a monarch of the forest. Such is the place to which the Blackfeet went every spring to worship Wanka. No member of the tribe dared hunt within the valley. The medicine man told that an arrow fired within its confines meant death to the sender. It was the hunting ground of Wanka, and of Wanka alone.

And so it was from time immemorial, but the white men began to invade the Blackfeet territory. First came the hardy Scotchmen and French-Canadian coureurs du bois, the advance guard of "King George men," pioneers of the Hudson's Bay Company. But they did not stop. They were turned towards the west and on, on, on, they went, searching for furs. Most passed to the north, through easier

valleys, and, though word was sent that at Jasper House and that named after the Rocky mountains the pelts of beaver, mink, marten and fox would be bought and paid for no stoppage was made near the pass of Wanka.

But soon a visitor of a very different kind arrived. He did not hurry west, but stayed among the Blackfeet. His talk was not of furs, nor of horses, nor of cattle. It was of a new spirit, the Lord of all the others. Of one whose mighty power embraced the earth and heaven, both time and eternity. And this visitor was of different aspect to all the others. His coat was long and black. There was nothing of the hunter about him. On his head was a large wide brimmed hat, not the sombrero that had even then strayed up from the plains of Mexico, but like his coat of deepest black. Round his waist was something strange. From a long string of beads an image was suspended, nailed to a cross. This aroused the curiosity of the Blackfeet. Well they knew the Sun-dance, the ordeal through which a youth must pass before he became a brave. They knew the circling round the pole, where brave young breasts were torn. They knew how the barb was passed through the tender flesh and attached to the summit of the sacred mast. Many of them had felt the agony themselves as hair's breadth by hair's breadth the flesh was torn away. In some cases the barb being forced free on the outside. But this man on the cross had torture worse than that. What did it mean? The priest answered "Peace, peace and goodwill."

"Could this untold agony mean peace?" And then the priest gave answer. "Peace, not to himself, but to all the world." Gradually in the minds of the more susceptible Indians a glimmering grew of what this new, strange story meant. It was each not for himself and his tribe, but every other tribe also. Some one has truly said that in every heart there is a spark of the divine, and this spark became enkindled under the influence of the gentle father. Round the camp fires in the winter he told his curious story of peace, goodwill towards all men. And then he asked who would follow, who would embrace the new faith.

The murmurings of the medicine men grew loud; the wise women of the tribe huddled together and, in whispered converse debated how they should combat the rising influence of the long frocked man in black. Yet still he continued his teaching and, as the middle of the winter arrived, a dozen of the younger braves gave their word to accept the new faith, and be baptized according to its ritual with the advent of the coming spring. It was a time for

the leaders of the old faith to be up and doing to show the tribes that the gods were the mightiest. Many consultations were held and at last a challenge was hurled at the apostle of the new religion. Would he dare to invade and carry out the ceremonies of this strange belief in the valley sacred to the devil god Wanka? The father answered "Yes, we are in his hands everywhere." And so it befell.

Traversing the Bow river and then turning in a half circle the tribe reached Devil's lake. The canvas quickly took them across it and landed all on the shingled beach. It was the Monday before Easter. While the rest of the tribe waited on the shore in sullen silence the little band of converts, headed by the man in black, struck a short distance into the forest. Only a quarter of a mile had to be passed when a comparatively open space was reached and in this spot, where a short grove of trees formed a natural cathedral, preparations were made to erect the rude altar. The enormous boulder was not there then. It rested on the mighty column that now rises majestically from the summit of Devil's mountain.

The few days passed peacefully to the

little party. Teaching, prayer and meditation occupied the time after the altar was erected. All things were ready and the priest and his dozen converts arose on Easter morn, the latter anxious to receive and the former willing to bestow the outward symbols of accepting the new faith. It was a gracious, golden morning. Two were sent to tell the tribe that all was ready for the test. Yet a few dared to witness the impious invasion of the devil's chosen domain; most sought refuge on the shores of the lake. Still, a half dozen of the hardier braves remained to see the downfall of the new religion, concealing themselves in the trees and bushes to witness the wrath of Wanka.

Slowly the ceremony progressed. The gentle father drew from within his cassock the little vial of water blessed by his archbishop away east in Montreal, and carried it with infinite care during his long journey across the mountain and prairie and now the time for use had arrived. He was to baptize his first converts, the pioneers of their race to accept the story of the cross. With outstretched hands he stood in front of the altar, a blessing on his lips.

Suddenly the very earth seemed to tremble. The unbelievers threw aside their concealment and staggered through the bush towards the lake. It was as if the foundations of the globe were allied with Wanka for the defeat of the teachings of peace. The mountains on the north appeared to bow to the crags on the south—there was the uprooting of mountains of the forest that had stood unpeached through a thousand years. The converts fell to the ground in a paroxysm of fear. With faces buried in the earth yet with hands uplifted to the sky they awaited their fate. In an instant a new terror became visible. From far up at the head of the valley there came the sound of a mighty crash. All looked instinctively. What was this? The head of Wanka had disappeared; the gigantic circular neck was bounding down the mountain side like a thing of life. It hewed its way through timber and underbrush crashing fir and hemlock, whatever their girth, like matchwood.

The surface of the lake became like that of a raging ocean. Frail canoes were upset, their occupants hurled through the seething waters. Some struggled for the shore, some expired of fright. And down, down, down the valley came the fallen head of the god. Only one man stood erect facing whatever might befall. Bare-headed, holding aloft the crucifix, his pale lips moving in prayer, the teacher of the gospel of peace implored the Almighty even yet to spare his flock. With cries and yells for the medicine men and wise women called on Wanka to complete his revenge, to continue in his might and crush out those who sought to undermine his power. It was all over in five minutes. The head of Wanka slacked up in its career. Slowly and more slowly it came though none present realized it. Paralyzed with fear they could not move. They had no thought but one of terror: The Christians looked with new-found faith towards their God; the believers

in the old religion realized the wondrous power of Wanka. But the career of Wanka's head was over. Within a foot of the Christian altar it came to rest—never more to be moved. Then up rose the converts and joining with trembling voices to that of their beloved teacher they sang "Gloria in Excelsis, Deo."

All that now remains in support of this old-time legend is the enormous boulder near the head of Devil's lake and the signs of its avalanche-like course down the valley. A nearby tree is marked with the sign of a cross. Yet ancient squaws, even in the twentieth century, tell the papooses when gathered in the tepee at night, the story of how the devil god lost his head.

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"I don't see any use in my son Benjamin studying Latin," said a farmer to the principal of the village academy. "I want him to get the kind of education that will be of value to him in after life, and not a lot of trifling things that isn't no good to nobody. I hope I make myself clear."

"But, my dear sir," expostulated the educator, "Latin is one of the foremost essentials of a liberal education. It broadens the mind, strengthens the intellectual grasp, and—"

"Tut-tut! What I want him to learn is something that will strengthen his financial grasp, so to speak. Latin is one of the dead languages, isn't it?"

"Very well, then, it won't be of no manner of use to Benjamin. He's going to be a farmer, ye see, not an undertaker."

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# British Columbia Woods, and Their Treatment in the Interior Decoration of Victoria Homes.

Photos from Residence of D. H. Bale, Builder and Contractor, Elford Street, From His Own Designs.

In view of the growth of the city residentially, the pictures presented on this page will be found of greatest interest to all who contemplate erecting a home. They are supplied by D. H.

and varied results that may be attained from them.

In order to illustrate the many possibilities along this line an up-to-date bungalow is shown complete, it being

and convenient houses ever erected in British Columbia, as it is one of the most artistically arranged and finished houses in the city.

Discussing the many advantages of

foundation with large cement columns running up to the second floor. The front portion of the building is cement blocked and the back is finished in woodwork. As a background in the gables are colored cement panels. The apex is finished with shingles. Under the house is a basement eight feet in height which has every convenience. There is a cement floor, soap stone laundry tubs and gas-heating appliances.

The area covered by the house is 50 by 64 feet, and a large piazza is situated in front. This has been so arranged as to admit of big openings between the different columns and these may be closed in with awnings. Hammocks can be swung in almost any direction, while the spaciousness of the piazza makes it possible for holding afternoon teas, card parties, etc., the ladies deeming the quarters the most congenial at times in the whole house.

Before referring to the interior arrangements, some space might be devoted to the surroundings. First of all a field stone wall encloses the front portion of the lot. Broad cement walks lead to the different entrances, to the basement and to one of the most essential features of outside arrangements, namely, a cement ash bin which is built into the ground. This is not only useful, but a perfect safeguard against fire. The whole lot is laid off in a lawn, flower beds and shrubbery being worked in advantageously wherever the general design permits. The entrance is approached by means of an iron gate and broad cement steps take one up to the piazza.

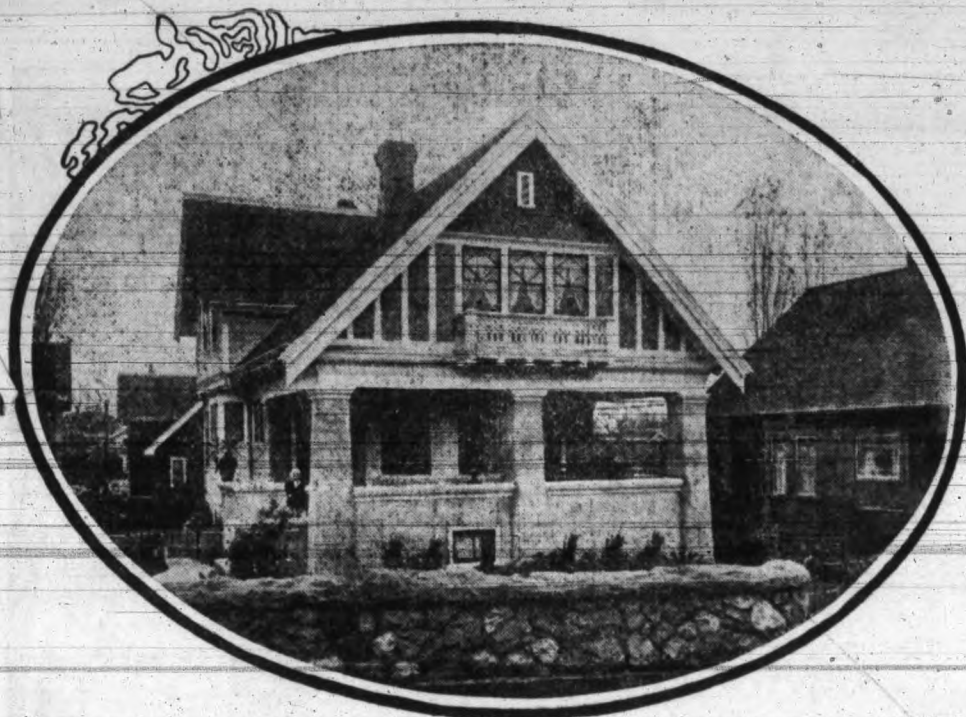
Still another little detail to which attention is seldom paid is that of a sand box for the children. This is filled with beach sand and is intended for the little folks to play in. There is a cement curbing around which keeps the sand off from the lawn. It is almost impossible to realize the enjoyment which the children get out of this innovation and the idea has but to be seen when the happy youngsters are in a frolic to realize its importance for healthfulness and amusement.

is by no means spoiled by being too cramped or lacking in that required degree of spaciousness that is always needed to give stateliness to the whole. The old Dutch design, which so strongly commends itself to those who love the quiet, the practical and the comfortable has been followed in the breakfast room. The finish is in light

pictures which grace the wall may be mentioned as they will be recognized from the views published. There are "Old King Cole and His Three Fiddlers," "Humpty Dumpty Sat on the Wall," and "Whittington and His Cat," the "Tower of London," "Little Bo Peep," "Red Riding Hood and

floor and the ceiling is painted a baby blue. The bathroom has a very broad rim with nickel belt fittings. The pedestal basin also has a broad apron. Both are white enamel while the other fixtures are of nickel.

All in all the home is one of the most charming and beautiful in Victoria and it could be copied with advantage by

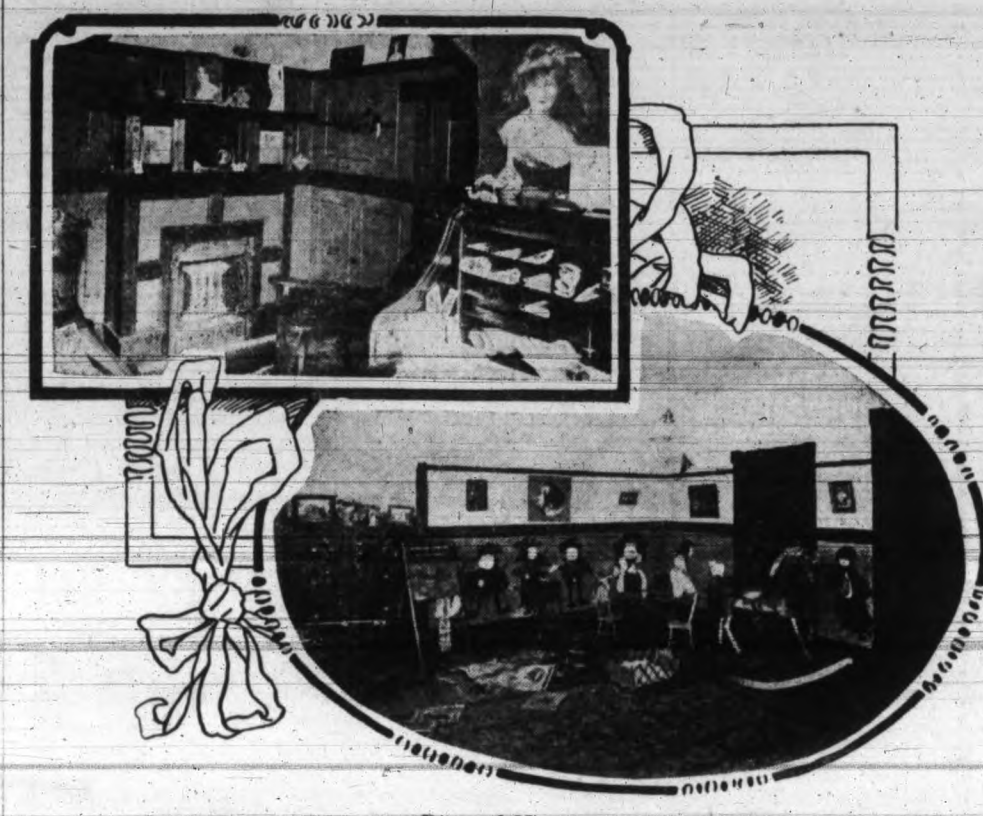


Residence of D. H. Bale, Contractor, Elford Street.

Bale, one of the most progressive and successful builders in Victoria, whose work in the past few years stands in evidence of the modern ideas and artistic taste which he possesses. The views will further show the many ingenious purposes to which native woods may be applied and the very handsome

one which Mr. Bale has built for himself on Elford street. This structure as also the interior arrangements, are all the work of Mr. Bale, both in the matter of designing and execution, and certainly show a handiwork second to none. Needless to say the pretty little dwelling is one of the most compact

the use of native fir for building purposes. Mr. Bale says that this wood cannot be beaten even by the oak for finishing purposes. If given the proper treatment. But to get the best results the wood should first be steamed, then kiln dried and properly cleaned and polished. Then Mander's water stain



Den and Nursery.



Dining Room and Breakfast Room and Conservatory.



Staircase and Hall and Main Entrance.

Coming now to the matter of interior decoration and design the drawing room might be first described. It is finished in Flemish oak and has sand finished walls and cement beamed ceiling and cornice. The walls are tinted a pale yellow, shaded to a delicate green in the ceiling, while the wall fixtures are beautifully designed in old brass corresponding to the general plan of the room. The dining room is large and handsome in its ornate attractiveness. It is finished in a dark golden oak with paneled walls and heavy beam ceiling. Wrought iron electric fixtures are suspended from the beams by wrought iron chains, and seem in perfect harmony with the surroundings. In the outside wall a handsome sideboard is built with art glass over the top and clear lead work in the doors and casings in the panels.

The use of sealskins in such a manner, is an entirely new departure, the idea having never been attempted in this city before. The hair skin is what is used as it lends itself to a more artistic effect under the circumstances than could be realized from the fur. It might be stated in this connection that the hair seal is what is regarded as a native of the coastal waters of this island and are frequently seen in bays and inlets surrounding the city. The windows in the dining room have entire leadwork casements. The tiles of the fireplace are dark red of a Dutch design. There is a bronze fireplace and the mantle is of the Mission type. The bookcase, like the sideboard, is built in the wall and with those necessary but usually bulky conveniences out of the way the comfort of the room

weathered oak, the wainscoting in dark wood colored Fab Ri Ko No. The walls in two shades of terra cotta, the ceiling being a rich cream color. There is a plate shelf running around the walls and between the beams are panels on which appear hand paintings of clusters of fruits of various kinds. The conservatory opens off this room and the effect suggests cheerfulness. The reception hall is finished in paneled walls and beamed ceiling of dark weathered oak. There is a fireplace, mantle, bookcase and terra cotta tiles, also art lead work manufactured by Mr. Fox of the Victoria Glass Works. The main stairway off the hall, it will be observed, is elaborately finished. The woodwork is polished to a piano gloss and the floors throughout are in antique oak and polished. The end of the kitchen, which is shown, has an enameled sink with tiling at the back and sides, a dresser and cupboard.

The den is on the second floor and is in Mission style, the walls being in green burial, paneled with gold moldings. There is a plate shelf at the top and the ceiling is finished in a rich cream color. A gas grate is built into the room.

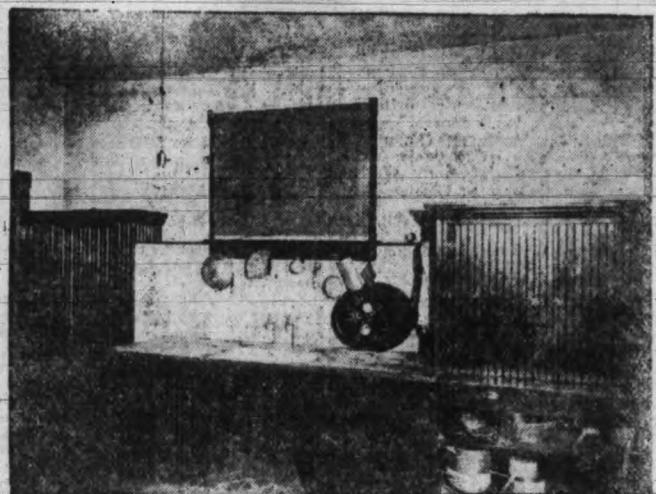
The nursery is a large airy department with the walls and ceiling tinted into two shades of green. The lower parts of the walls it will be seen have "Mother Goose" pictures, which were painted by Paul Beytrau. Chests of drawers are built into the walls for the children, also cupboards for the storage of their toys, this being calculated primarily for the purpose of teaching them tidiness. Some of the

the Wolf," "Goose, Goose, Gander," and several of the animal world. These things will at once be recognized as being very instructive to juveniles. Another feature about the nursery is that the floors are "deaden" to confine the sound to the nursery. The bath room appears in ivory white, the walls being tiled five feet above the

those who as stated seek to build a residence for themselves in this city. The cost of the bungalow can hardly be given because Mr. Bale being a contractor has done a good deal of the work personally and his painstaking efforts can only be rewarded by the pleasure which he and his family must take out of the cozy home.



Bathroom.



Kitchen.

should be applied, this application to be followed by a coat of shellac, and later by four coats of varnish. Each of these coats should have ample time for drying and should be then rubbed. In the final rubbing a great deal of care should be used and the work should be done with oil and pumice stone. If all these things are adhered to the result should be a finish almost equal to that of a piano.

In the residence of Mr. Bale all the finishing has been done after this manner, and it has been the general comment of all who have seen it that they have never seen its equal. Mr. Bale has had mill men in the house who would not believe that the native fir could be so converted. The processes employed while not of Mr. Bale's own invention are comparatively new to builders, at least the methods of treatment as outlined are not carried out to the same extent by others.

For the benefit of those who might wish to emulate Mr. Bale it might be stated that the bungalow which is here shown is built on a stone and cement







honors could exercise their strings. The purchase of the park mentioned by the corporation entirely removes this disability, and that now remains necessary is the expenditure of a little money to place the race track in first-class condition. This will most assuredly be forthcoming.

But, after all, the old Hudson's Bay park at Beacon Hill will always be the great open spot of Victoria. When Sir James Douglas, away back in 1852, set aside this land for public use, Victoria was a small hamlet. Since that time several attempts have been made to secure liberty to dispose of portions, but fortunately without success. To use a recent expression of a gentleman identified with the city since its beginning: "The alienation of a foot would be a crime against the public," and this correctly explains the attitude of a vast majority of residents.

There is no view on the Pacific coast for variety of charm and beauty of detail equal to that from the top of Beacon Hill. On two sides the sea, with mountains apparently joined at

even on an autumn morning when the wind has blown in a mist from the sea this is one of the most pleasing places to watch the fog's gradual dissipation. As each white billow rolls away some new beauty is unfolded and, when the sun gains its inevitable mastery, each plot is truly a God's acre.

"England" is the proper word to describe the entrance by way of Park lane. It is there the sturdy oaks rise with entangled branches, twisted in every imaginable shape. This

Feature is Unique in all the parks of America. Though, by some unknown work of nature, the oaks here do not become the wide spreading trees of the old country, their decided difference in contour from all native born forest growths adds the charm of variety that lingers about the beauties of each to perfection.

Then there is the British Columbia portion—nature unadorned. Probably this is most distinctive at the eastern end, near Clover Point. Walking west from the sea, to the left is seen—just

Hill to Oak Bay is one of the most beautiful drives in Canada. Shawnigan, Goldstream, Duncan, Cowichan and the nearby village of Esquimalt, with its famous harbor, all are attractive to visitors. The lagoon-like waterways among the islands from Sidney must be seen to secure due appreciation. Farther afield both the east and west coasts of Vancouver Island offer opportunities unsurpassed for those who wish a spice of the wilderness in touch with a centre of commerce.

But Victoria, however, is in every way the capital of outdoors. From January to December there is something to be done in the open. Football, golf, hockey, cricket, lacrosse, baseball, yachting, boating and swimming can generally be indulged in all the year round. Indoor pastimes are gradually forging their way ahead, this season having witnessed the advent of a new game, that of indoor baseball. Basketball and handball have for years received due measure of attention, the prowess of Victoria's young men has been shown by victory over expert

naturalized all over Vancouver Island and the lower mainland, and the season for shooting is every year designated by proclamation. The present season has been somewhat disappointing on Vancouver Island, but still many first class bags have rewarded enterprising hunters.

Of ducks, geese and swans there are many varieties. The mallard, old square and black head are very common, while occasionally whistler, harlequin, black scoter, white-winged scoter and other kinds are shot. Recently capercaillie and black game have been introduced from Copenhagen and, although some have not survived the abrupt change of climate, recent advice from the most competent authorities tend to show that they will eventually become as thoroughly acclimatized as the ring-tailed pheasants from China. By proclamation a ten years' close season has been declared to protect these most recent arrivals.

The wapiti, or American elk, is now practically confined to Vancouver Island. At one time it was distributed over the southern portion of the mainland, but is now extinct there. It is still tolerably abundant through the interior of the Island on the West Coast, in Comox district and to the northward. Only two other bands are known to exist in the province, in East Kootenay, and for the time being they are protected against hunters.

Deer Are Common, in fact too much so. Within a very few miles from Victoria they are considered almost a pest and, in the more remote districts, particularly along the West Coast are found in profusion. Cougars and wolves are present in large numbers. The former, commonly known as a panther, can easily be obtained with a good dog almost anywhere on Vancouver Island, while wolves, generally the coyote, are plentiful in all localities not actually invaded by settlers.

Conspicuous society occupies a prominent place in attracting residents. This is one of the prominent features of Victoria. The people are generally cultivated—have a due appreciation of music and the arts. The younger generation, in particular, have been largely educated in scholastic centres of Europe and the East, and there is a rapidly growing feeling towards the higher things of life, as distinct from commercialism.

Its Social Centre. Though, at present, not of a population to warrant—without exaggeration—the visits of noted figures in the world of song, drama and literature, inducements are constantly being held out that are generally successful in securing the best attractions that visit the Pacific coast. For both men and women of some leisure there are clubs and other associations for social intercourse and the promotion of courtesy. Victoria young men and women have gone forth and achieved success in many walks of life, particularly in the arts, music and drama. Some of them have returned with their laurels still fresh upon their heads, and are now among the most truly valued residents of the city. Upon extremely good authority it is stated the Archbishop's palace was acquired for a consistory of music, and the same reports state that arrangements are well under way for the bringing out of artists of international reputation as instructors.

Education is essentially the training ground for entrance into society. Victoria, in this regard, holds a premier position in the northwest. In addition to an admirable public and high school system, there are several private academies, for both male and female pupils, where greater attention is paid to classical studies than is possible in the schools under governmental control. The public educational institutions, nevertheless, can hold their own with any in Canada; the high places attained by pupils being conclusive evidence of this fact. Religious institutions of all kinds are already in the city. Every denomination has one or more churches, and, by and large, from the view point of congenial society Victoria offers at least equal attractions to any residential city on the continent.

From the foregoing statement of facts it can be seen that this city has the right to be termed the "Los Angeles of Canada."

It has all to recommend it that the city to the south boasts of, while in many ways it offers superior inducements to the resident and visitor. In Victoria there is the variety of climate from proximity to the ocean; while this advantage is not present in Los Angeles. There are also the added attractions of outdoor sport at all seasons of the year; a climate that is never oppressive through extreme heat; the bracingness of the ocean breeze; the varied charm of vegetation only found without discomfort in the temperate zone. As a well known British authority has said:

"Apart from the mineral wealth of Vancouver Island, its climate, with every variation possible, becomes most attractive. Its seashore climate is milder than many parts of England, with less rain and less seasonal variations."

"It is spoken of as England without its east winds, as the Pacific is to the Pacific; mild and even in winter with rain and occasional snow, an early spring, a dry and warm summer, and a bright and enjoyable atmosphere; thunderstorms are seldom seen here, they can be heard in the interior, but are rarely experienced."

The commercial rise of Victoria and Vancouver Island generally is somewhat constant with that of Los Angeles. It was the scenic beauty of the latter that attracted people from far away points first to reside and then to invest. This story is being repeated here. As stated in the opening of this article the old time residents of both cities were somewhat slow to recognize the abundant industrial and financial opportunities lying at their very doors. They were almost content, in most cases, with a life of quietude, that while attractive was not force-staganting. Prophets are never honored in their own countries and those who, a few years ago predicted commercial potentialities in an enormous way for the city were treated with scorn. But these foretellers of prosperity have been fully vindicated; their assertions have already been partially fulfilled. Visitors have been the



THE EYRIE—NOT CALIFORNIA—JUST A TYPICAL HOME IN VICTORIA.

right angles; obliterating the passage up the straits of San Juan de Fuca; on the north the broad green fields of the Fairfield estate become merged in the distance with the ridge upon whose summit are perched many of the city's finest residences, including Craigdarroch, that viewed from afar-off appears like

A Sentinel Castle. On some Rhineland crag. To the west there is the city, with the parliament buildings in the foreground. Gradually rising from James Bay eastward, the new Empress hotel, the post office and many substantial business blocks accentuate the commercial solidity that has characterized Victoria for the past forty years.

Of the park itself a detailed description cannot be given here. Roughly

a few acres it is true, but still most distinctive—what a British Columbia forest is in its natural state. The straight rising firs, cedars and balsams; the thick undergrowth; the glossy ferns, the trailing berry vines, all show to those unacquainted with the province something of the density of its timber. Beacon Hill itself needs no description. It is there for all to see, approaching either by sea or land, but around Empire Day this landmark is at its best. From the sea it is a mass of yellow. The brown is in full flower and obscures all other and less vivid colors. The ruins of the old battery are indistinctly outlined, with a few rotting timbers here and there. Near the base the cracked bell from Pekin, with its Oriental inscriptions, and the Burns fountain typify one the

competitors. And what of a barrier race on New Year's Day? For the sportsman Victoria is a Veritable Paradise. Sea fishing can be indulged in at all seasons of the year. Salmon, bass and cod in many varieties are abundant in nearby waters. During the open months trout can be caught by those who wish to twist the fly or spend a few hours trolling. Oyster and Cowichan rivers, Shawnigan lake and many other streams and lakes all over the Island are open for this sport, and choice can be secured between the Dolly Varden, that sometimes reaches twenty pounds, to the speckled beauty of a few ounces. There is a little dispute on as to whether the steelhead is a trout or salmon, but it is found in waters near Victoria in the greatest



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SHOAL BAY AND OCEAN DRIVE, VICTORIA—THE GOLF LINKS AND OAK BAY SHOW IN THE DISTANCE.

speaking it may be divided into three parts. The approach from South Park street leads to what might be termed the cultivated portion. The artificial lake, with its bodies of water fowl; the spanning bridge of rough hewn rock and the many fountains adorned with groups of beautifully foliaged shrubs, give evidence that art can reproduce with fidelity miniature copies of what nature created when the earth was young. Under the shadow of the near-by pine trees the green sward invites one and all to rest or careless meanderings. When, on summer evenings, the paths are outlined with lanterns and a band concert is in progress people flock in thousands to this portion of the park to recline on the turf or benches and listen to the music. And

power and the other the extent of the Empire. Not only is Victoria itself beautiful, but it is the starting point for many other places equally beautiful by nature. For those who wish to annihilate distance in an Automobile there are roads that year after year attract more tourists. Built, in many instances, years ago by the Royal Engineers, they remain after many years of use almost perfect. Eighty miles and more the highway stretches to Nanaimo and thence to Alberni—nearly a hundred and fifty miles for unobstructed travelling. The two roads to Sooke both east and west suggest other pleasant outings. Even the city road itself, along the sea front from Beacon

profusion. It has no equal in fresh water for gameness, and a stiff struggle with a fifteen pound steelhead will be held in pleasant memory by every follower of the gentle art. Game birds are abundant within a few miles of Victoria. Two varieties of grouse are certainly native, the sooty and Oregon ruffed. Then there is the rock ptarmigan. It must be sought above the snow line, but its great beauty well repays the endeavour. Partridges, although not native, are yet very common. There are both mountain and California quails, introduced from the state mentioned. They have become thoroughly acclimatized and now abound. Pheasants, brought from China some sixteen years ago, are now

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#### A MOUNTAIN OF IRON ORE.

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The famous Erzberg is about ninety miles southeast of Vienna in the Austrian duchy of Styria. It is in the centre of the great iron mining region of Austria, and around it smoke many blast furnaces, all of them fed by the ore which this mountain supplies. For the Erzberg is a mass of solid iron ore more than 5,000 feet in height. The ore is extremely rich, and yields from 35 to 45 per cent. of pure iron.

There are a few similar masses of iron ore in the world, but not many. Near the City of Durango, in Mexico, is a small mountain of ore, and near the east coast of Queensland is a small island in the Duke group that is all iron ore, and it is estimated that it will yield a total of 2,250,000 tons.

Mining and cutting the ore out of the Erzberg at the rate of 5,000,000 pounds a year, and it is estimated that at this rate it will take them 1,000 years longer to dig the mountain entirely away. If this estimate is correct, there still remains in the Erzberg 2,500,000 tons of ore.

In Lapland, along the line of the Arctic railroad, between Gellivare and the Atlantic, is another mountain of iron ore, but it is smaller than the Erzberg, which is the largest solid mass of iron ore rising in the form of a mountain that has yet been discovered.

For centuries more or less mining has been carried on along this mountain slope, but it is only within fifty or sixty years that the work has been regularly prosecuted on a large scale. From 2,000 to 3,000 miners dig the veins on the mountain side during the summer months, but for three months in winter work in the open air is entirely suspended, as the winds and snowstorms make the labor too severe and expensive, but the work still goes on in winter, for about 1,000 to 1,500 men are then engaged in underground work where they have dug deep into the solid mining along the sides of the mountain ore.

Thus the mountain is being gradually reduced by lowering its height and by digging into its heart, and legends of magic are being dispelled. The work of men will keep at the work till the mountain has been wiped off the surface of the earth and the vast quantities of iron it contained have been scattered far and wide in various forms of manufacture.—New York Sun.

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## The Cariboo Trail

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The "Trail" is known well to politicians, miners, prospectors, ranchers, lumbermen, speculators, and a few merchants, but it is undiscovered to the tourist and mountaineer, and in consequence attracts the most princely vacation in all Canada, the prince of summer playgrounds.

It was late in "the fifties" that Cariboo first beckoned with its yellow finger to "Butch Hilby," the pioneer prospector, who followed its Jack-o'-lantern flame through a hundred leagues of mountain, canyon and table land, until it lured him to the opulent ledges of the far north, and he staked his claim where the town of Barkerville now thrives, two hundred and eighty miles northeast of the main line of the Canadian Pacific railway.

Then followed the "rush." Old-timers still tell of the mad chase for treasure, of the thousands upon thousands of fortune-seekers crazed with greed that poured Klondyke-wise into the mountain fastnesses, some to starve, some to fatten, all to strive, contend, work, dig, and gain either wealth or experience. And still in this year of 1906, the golden nuggets glister in the miners' rifles, and the stage that carries His Majesty's mails to "the Front," carries also bi-weekly the armed guard, box-eyed, cat-eared, seated beside the bags of bullion, his firm fingers well closed over the handle of a very real "gun," that he hesitates not to use instantly, for he is guard of the honor of the British Columbia Express Company, within whose keeping is the transportation of all the wealth of the Cariboo country.

One cannot now traverse the entire old-time trail from the Pacific to the northern reaches, for from the mouth of the Fraser river inland to the town of Lytton the old pack trail has fallen into disuse. The stage has given place to the C. P. R., but the tourist may yet see, as he gazes across the turbulent Fraser, a filmy, cobwebby line hanging half-high of the mountains. It is the ghost of the discarded trail that in the early days was the highway from the interior to the sea.

But north of the town of Lytton and Ashcroft—the railroad is meaningless. Mountains. It is the ghost of the disburied forty thousand dollars annually to keep the trail in repair, and it is without doubt the best rural thoroughfare in the Dominion. It is almost incredible that these two hundred and eighty miles of roadway should be kept in a condition that would charm the most exacting motorist, but such are the facts. Add to this the attraction that the journey is broken every twenty miles by the neatest little cedar log huts, or ranch houses, where comfortable apartments, fresh bed linen, excellent meals, and good stabling may be obtained for a ridiculously reasonable figure.

We left the train at Ashcroft. The sun was beating down from a sky of brass. The thermometer stood at 104 degrees in the shade. At all points of the compass the arid sand hills of the "Dry Belt" lifted their thirsty summits, and for five months no drop of rain had fallen. We decided that we could not get up country quickly enough. By previous arrangement, the most excellent organization, the British Columbia Express Company, was ready for us. Stages are all very well, and the Cariboo stage is particularly so, for it is on the typically Western leather "springs," and manned by a Buffalo Billish-looking person who

carries a long black snake whip and toads his four or six galloping horses down the mountain passes at a rate that makes one's hair stand on end. The driver is an autocrat, the customer King Edward's muffs, and he careers through to Barkerville in the twinkling of an eye. If you wish to be your own master, it is better to give the stage a wide berth, and secure one of the light, two-seated, canopy-topped surreys, some good roadsters, and a driver from the "B. X." They will all be yours for twenty days, and if fortune favors you, perhaps your driver may be "Cariboo Billy," the best whip and "most decent, all round good fellow in the gold country." The "Cariboo" would be indeed isolated without the medium of the British Columbia Express Company, known in local road, ranching, and miners' parlance as "The B. X."

The company secured its charter in 1863 by one Barnard, and was originally known as "Barnard's Express," and since that year has been the king operator and main artery to "the front." The company employs thirty-five men and one hundred and fifty horses. It owns the stage, and carries the mails, which service costs the government at Ottawa twenty-five thousand dollars a year to maintain. It handles hundreds of tons of freight, which has to be transferred from the railway at Ashcroft to the far reaches of the north by means of enormous wagons hauled by six or eight draught horses, that cover the distance in about seven days. In the freighting business there is a competitive organization, the Cariboo Forwarding Company, that sends in great caravans of merchandise, both companies agreeing on their rates to shippers, of five and a half cents per pound for carriage. Here the horse is king; there are no rival means of transportation, consequently immense hay ranches are everywhere to be seen, and the price of feed is exorbitant. Hay even in cutting time is never less than twenty dollars a ton, towards November it doubles or triples in value, and the ranchers who can hold over his hay makes a small fortune in a single season. Alfalfa is grown in some districts, and yields four crops a year, but it is little encouraged, the freighters asserting that a horse alfalfa-fed has no staying qualities.

In leaving Ashcroft, it is usually in a haze of dust and sunshine, the blistering heat following one out of the valley, cooling a trifle as one ascends across the Bonaparte hills, from which place hails Chief Basti, one of the Indian chiefs who visited London. The trail winds about the edge of the yellow cliffs, hanging like a golden ribbon above the yawning canyons; the silence, the vastness, the coloring sink into the senses like a benediction, while the breath of the sun-drawn sage bushes comes in heavy fragrance at every turn. It is an echo of the tropics that has wandered away from the south to curl itself and its singing in the kindred heights and depths of the Bonaparte hills. As the journey lengthens the timber line is reached, the arid slopes disappear, and the cool forests of Jack pine and Douglas fir arise on either side, to give way occasionally to thousands of acres of ranch lands, or to hospitable road houses, all patronized by the "B. X." both for table and stable. Relays of horses are supplied with amazing dispatch, and a "short order" meal of great excellence can be had at unheard-of hours. All these road houses "raise" their own meat and vegetables, and the

latter grow to unusual size, but retain a crispness and tenderness not to be met with elsewhere in the Dominion.

One hundred and seventy-five miles out, the trail touches the Fraser river at Soda Creek, whence the renowned sockeye salmon may be had, served by a no less renowned Chinese chef. Well by name, and known to be the best cook in British Columbia, fifty miles further up stream lies the beautiful little Hudson's Bay post and village of Quesnel, which the trail sweeps down to from the heights, and the river margins on its rollicking way to the south. Just before entering the "Post," the trail passes the Terra Cotta Rocks, a strange formation caused by a deposit of lignite that in some way became ignited about twenty years ago. It smoldered for about twelve years, and when eventually extinguished it left the surrounding clay cliffs burnt into excellent terra cotta. The colors are gorgeous, and can be seen for miles.

At Quesnel the only telegraph line that enters Dawson City in the Yukon crosses from haunts of civilization, and stretches its too frail wires into the wilderness, to traverse an absolutely unsettled area of close upon a thousand miles. Along this route are telegraph stations exactly forty miles apart. They consist of mere shacks, where two men live their monkish lives. One is an expert operator, the other a line repairer. They receive the news of the entire world daily, but rarely see other faces than their own. In event of a faulty wire caused by breakage, by storm or forest fire, the damage can be localized within forty miles. The two repairers start, at the same hour, each travelling towards the other. They are provided with a repairing outfit and sufficient kit. In winter the trip must be made on snowshoes, and frequently these unknown heroes are called upon to suffer hardships that can only be overcome by the most courageous.

Beyond Quesnel game becomes more plentiful. Timber wolves prowl the entire region, and jack rabbits, red deer, grouse and caribou are plentiful. The scenery grows more rugged, the sluggish prettiness of placid ranches and wooded valleys gives place to frowning canyons and dense forests; the trail lifts, falls and winds its way into Barkerville, then spreads like the fingers of a giant hand that touch with their tips the outlying mining settlements of Horsefly, Last Chance and Jack-of-Clubs.

Barkerville stands in a cup of the mountains, and stands on stilts. Erstwhile mountain torrents warned the builders to mount their houses on elevations above the street level, and the whole town has the appearance of being one raising their eyebrows. The population reaches about three hundred, many, particularly amongst the younger generation, having never seen a railway train, a steamboat, or an electric light, but their eyes are daily accustomed to the sight of bags of yellow, golden nuggets; their manners are polished and courteous, and their attire fashionable. Barkerville gold has given fortunes to many, and a fair living to many more. It is now assumed to be a "has been" town, but it still thrives and blooms, laughs, gambols, and dances in its remote world nearly four hundred miles from anywhere. The latest hydraulic mining machinery is used within earshot and eyesight of the main street, and although the output is comparatively limited, it is sufficient to find its way in enviable quantities into the Bank of British North America at Ashcroft.

On the return journey, lovers of adventure and the picturesque generally have the main trail at Clinton, sixty miles north of the railway, and strike due west, taking in the beautiful town of Lillooet,

to reach which the summits must be crossed by "climbing" up a mountain side to the height of seven thousand feet, from which point the trail can be seen coiled in six crescents, in depths from which one has climbed hour upon hour. Then comes a similar drop on the farther side. The wonderfully sure-footed horses of the "B. X." seem to gather their hoofs together at the crest of the mountains, take the bite in their teeth, and plunge "Cariboo Billy" grasps the reins a little more firmly, jerks his cowboy hat close above his eyes, clutches his black-snake whip, "lays it on" to the leaders, and shoves back his loose, loose, loose, as the descent the horses gallop madly, bluff, steep and crag shoot by on one side, on the other a canyon outstretches, its margin not ten inches from the carriage wheels, down, down, at a headlong, break-neck pace, until the trail unravels behind you, floating upwards like a chiffon scarf, with its undulating end lost in the clouds.

The one more long, twisting ledge of roadway, that suspends itself above the Fraser river, where the waters crowd themselves into a narrow-throated channel, boiling and bickering amongst their immovable boulders, and carrying in their hurried course tons of precious gold dust, to be dredged for further down stream, by the powerful steam dredge, or to be washed out ashore by thrifty Chinamen. When Lillooet, the lovely creeps into sight, its streets an odd mixture of several nationalisms, the dominating shade being the warm, tawny copper color of Chinese people. One always sighs as they leave Lillooet, such beauty as its environment may never again enter into one's vision, and for many moons afterwards the ear still listens to the haunting call of the cascade showering itself down the mountain side and singing through the last half mile that shuts away the loveliest spot in Canada.

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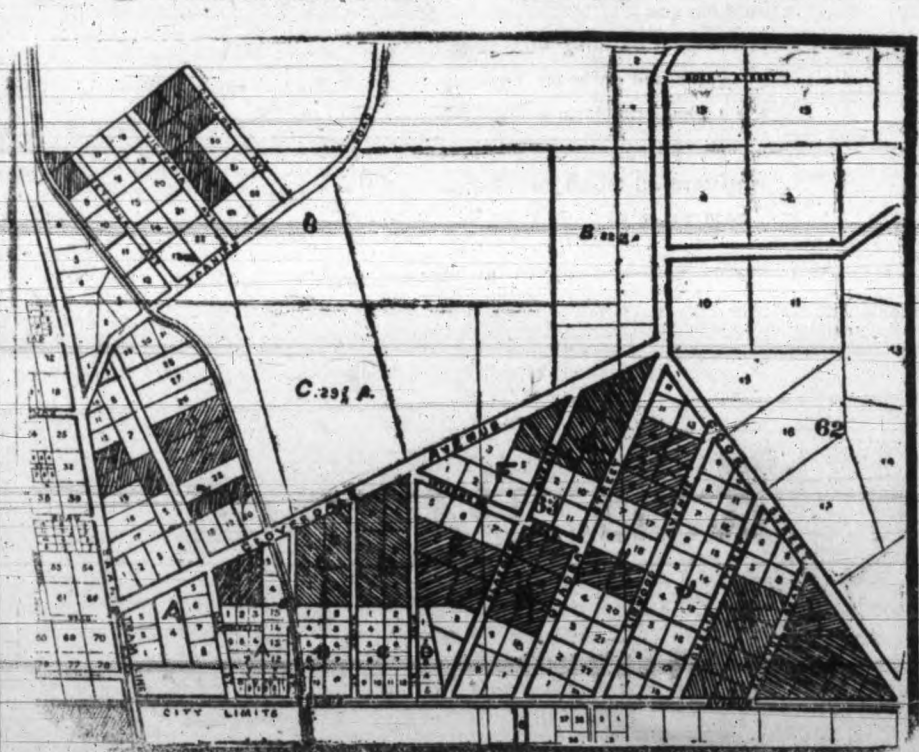


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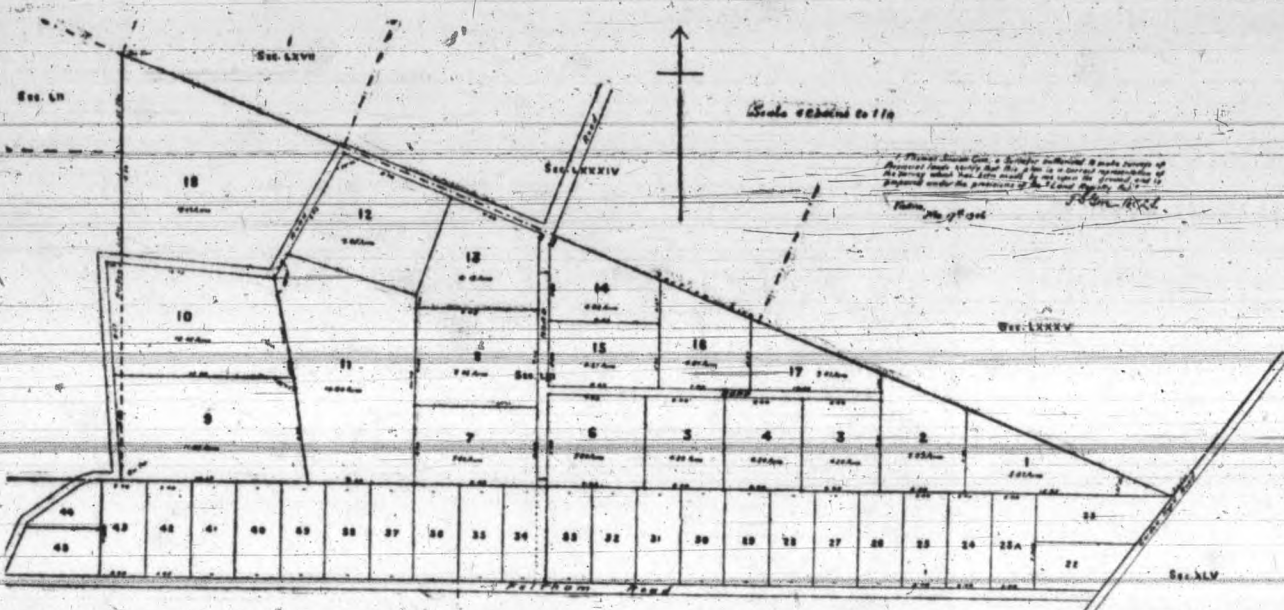
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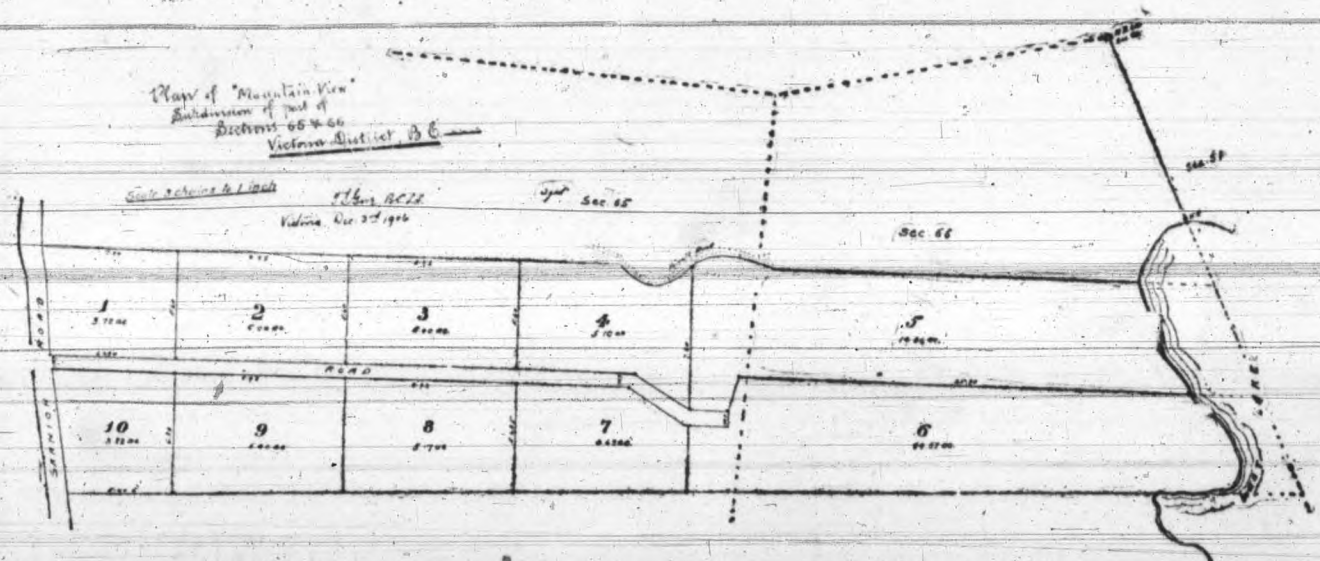
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By ROWLAND MACHIN

Late Inspector of Horticultural Board of California, and Former President of the Board of Horticulture of County Santa Barbara, Cal.

The time has arrived when the citizens of our fair Dominion must recognize that Vancouver Island has climatic conditions for ideal homes, and particularly the southern part, which is in close touch with Oriental and Occidental civilization.

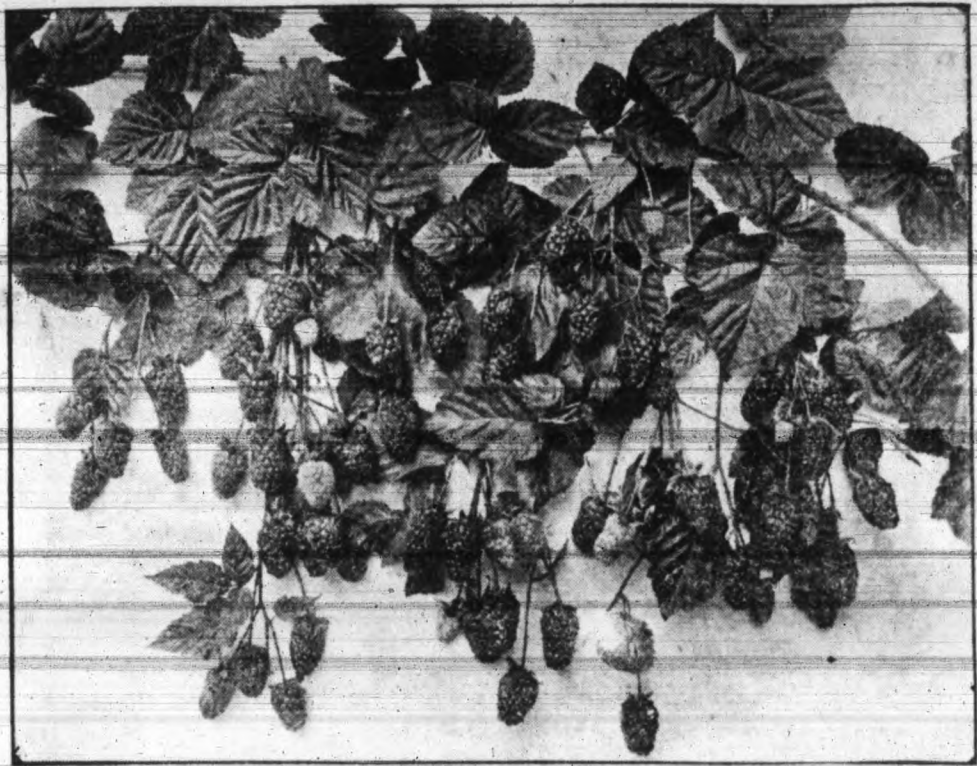
Green and Rome flourished only when their farming communities were

The climate here is perfect for the production of this fruit in its grandest form, color, flavor and weight. No place on earth to-day produces anything to compare with it in any of these respects.

A look into any one of half-a-dozen of the retail grocer's shop windows of Victoria, at strawberry time, or on

Grower B delivered from less than four acres of one, two and three year old vines, 28,126 pounds for which he obtained \$2,882, less 10 per cent. per acre for selling, or over \$260 per acre.

Grower C delivered from half an acre, 2,825 pounds for which he received \$281, less 10 per cent. for selling, or at the rate of over \$600 per acre.



THE LUSCIOUS LOGAN BERRY IN FRUIT.

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prosperous. In the height of Rome's glory six acres was a farm large enough for the average Roman. Legislators and statesmen of that era recognized this fact. Even that great and good man, who was brought from his farm to take charge of the destinies of the Roman Empire, Lucius Quintus Cincinnatus, cultivated a four-acre farm on the banks of the Tiber.

A few artisans within the past ten years, wearying of the call by the foot of the whistle, or the tinkle of the bell to their daily toil, cast their fortunes out, in the bush within a radius of five miles of this city, and to them more than any one else is due the credit for having made the demonstrations which makes it possible for the writer to offer the following remarks.

In most of the valleys of Southern California, for many years past, much stress has been put on the availability

display at the fruiterer's stands in Vancouver city—where they are exhibited as "Vancouver Island" strawberries—would convince the ordinary observer of the truth of this statement.

The market for all time is guaranteed, the berries on the island are at least two weeks earlier than any other section of the province, and must at this time be the cream of the market. For other small fruits our lands are equally available, such as blackberries, raspberries, gooseberries, loganberries, wineberries, currants of all kinds, etc. A few varieties for the public favor being the Cape gooseberry, and one that promises big things for the future.

Facts are stubborn things. In order to show that we have drawn from them, I will submit some figures which are taken by the writer from the books of a well known fruit and commission house who have always fostered fruit growing on the island, since its in-

Now these were average crops—not grown by specialists but by intelligent, everyday industrious farmers who have no expert knowledge. If we average the production we find that \$200 per acre is the ordinary production. So that, if we allow an extravagant amount, say \$250 per acre for cost of cultivation, etc., we still have as a most conservative estimate the sum of \$250 as the net returns of one acre; in other words, a return of \$500 on ten acres. So much for the strawberry culture. This is not all that can be grown on a ten acre tract.

If, in addition to the strawberries, we plant Italian prunes on one-half of this ten acre tract, or five acres, and Wealthy or some other tested apples on the other half, or five acres. The prunes planted twenty feet apart will give us, discarding fractions, 100 trees per acre, or 500 trees for five acres. The cultivation given the strawberries will keep the trees in the pink of condition.

At the end of the first year of growth I estimate the trees have increased in value not less than 25 cents each, which sum will pay cost and planting of the trees. At the end of the second year the increase in value to each tree not less than 50 cents or on 500 trees \$250. The third year 75 cents per tree or on 500 trees \$375. The fourth year \$1 per tree or on 500 trees \$500 and a possible small crop thrown in. As five year olds, nine times out of ten, a crop yielding in value from \$2 to \$4 per tree, often very much more.

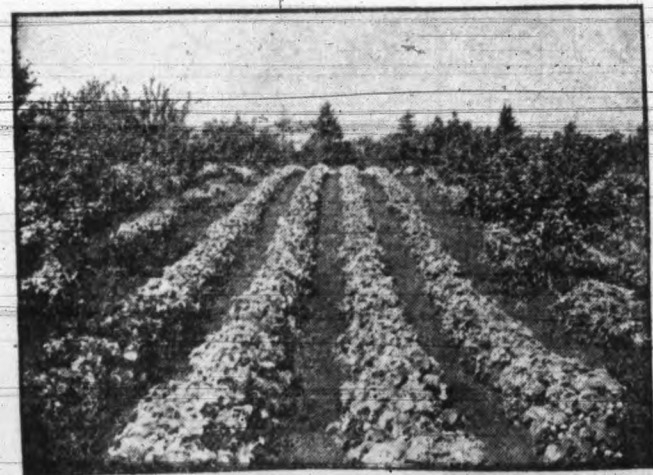


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PROMISE OF FUTURE A CORNER OF A VICTORIA STRAWBERRY FIELD NEAR VICTORIA WITH PLANTS IN BLOOM.

of small acreage for ideal homes—where a man of moderate means, still in active manhood might spend his declining years amongst congenial surroundings, and where fruit-growing would make him absolutely independent after the first four or five years.

It is not my intention to institute comparisons which are always odious—and they would be particularly so in this instance when we remember the many drawbacks in Southern California compared to conditions as they exist on our lovely island.

Time and seasons have demonstrated absolutely that certain fruits are a genuine commercial success here, and this is the true test, and the one that must appeal with increasing force to the bread winner of every family. To begin with, the facts and figures submitted in this article are actual, and not stated here for the sake of misleading people not known to the writer.

One of the money-winners—one of the small fruits most available to the new beginner is the strawberry. While getting other fruits ready to yield income, the strawberry can be relied upon to furnish the finance and the f. s. d. which is so vital to the maintenance of a family.

efficiency. The writer, from early boyhood, keenly enjoyed the strawberry above all other fruits, and has had abundant opportunity to try them in all manner of climates.

Just a year ago I had occasion to travel through a town in Mexico, whose inhabitants boast that they supply strawberries to the passengers of the Mexican Central Railway every day in the year, which they do; and in the month of December, to ordinary mortals, they certainly are very satisfying, but Irapuato strawberries, to use the common vernacular, are "not in it" with Vancouver Island strawberries.

To the uninitiated the vital question is, what money is there in this strawberry culture? Does it pay? When at school we learned this important lesson, namely, "what one man has done, another may do."

Herewith are submitted a few figures taken for the season 1906, at Victoria.

Grower A delivered from 1 1/2 acres strawberries 12,224 pounds, for which he obtained \$1,222.40, less 10 per cent. for marketing, or over \$1,100 per acre. This crop was harvested from one, two and three year old vines.

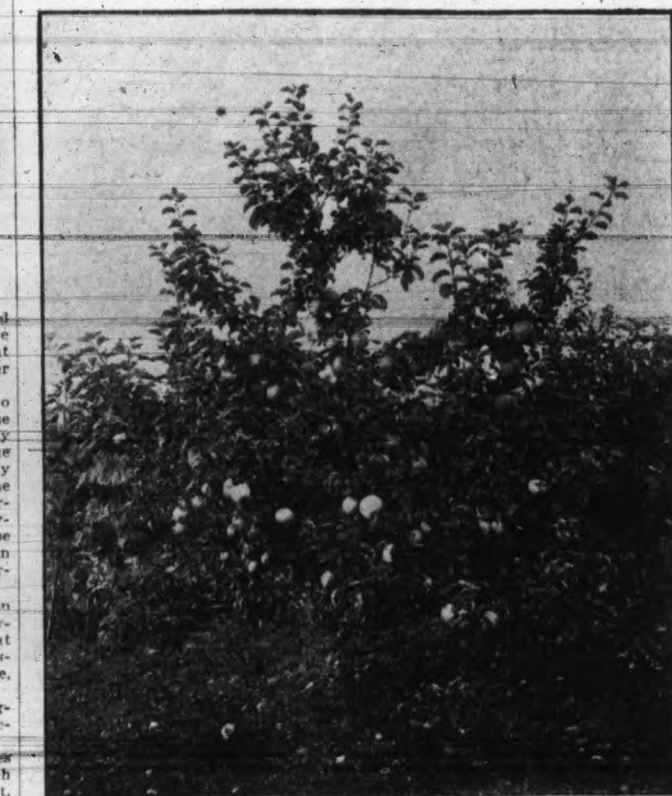


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APPLE TREE IN BEARING.

Will such a crop and growth justify careful, continuous culture? This is a question each one must answer for himself.

Taking the five acres planted in apples, at 24 feet apart we have 75 trees per acre, or a total on five acres of 375 trees. The annual growth on these is equal in value to the prunes, so that we have for the first year 375 trees at 25 cents or \$93.75; for the second year \$187.50; for the third year \$281.25; for the fourth year \$375 at five years old fruit will be produced in most varieties of apples valued at least at \$100 per acre.

To recapitulate on the ten acres we find of prunes 5 acres, 500 trees:

First year growth.....\$ 125.00  
Second year growth.....250.00  
Third year growth.....375.00  
Fourth year growth.....400.00  
Total.....\$1,350.00

After this a crop. Or an average increase in value of \$285.50 on each acre planted in prunes.

Apples, 5 acres, 375 trees:  
First year growth.....\$ 93.75  
Second year growth.....187.50  
Third year growth.....281.25  
Fourth year growth.....375.00  
Total.....\$937.50

After this a crop which will more than equal the average annual value of growth.

The above shows an average increase in value of \$334.25 per acre. Totalling we find:

Gross increase on prunes.....\$1,437.50  
Gross increase on apples.....1,171.75  
Total.....\$2,609.25

This represents the increase in actual value on ten acres in five years, or over \$260 per acre.

After this the whole ten acres as outlined would be producing cash income. Prunes, cherries, pears and all kinds of crabapples are equally at home on this favored Vancouver Island.

The roads radiating from this city are all well built—climate none better—no scorching summer heat—no mosquitoes, no blizzards—violet and primrose in the open border in the month of February, side by side with the lovely holly. We challenge the earth to equal these conditions.

On the boundaries I would plant berry bearing hollies, which is another of the beautiful trees in nature specially provided for in this highly favored climate. The only place in this Dominion and on the Pacific coast where the holly fruits to such perfection that our friends in Eastern Canada—who frequently receive holly from the old country accord us unreservedly the credit of producing the finest holly in the world.

In conclusion I may add for the benefit of our would-be settlers that a special training is not necessary for the prosecution of this most interesting work. Ordinary intelligence and its application will win out.

Books from responsible authors are cheap, and of the best. All we need to do is to use our eyes and ears, cultivate good fellowship and the land. Nature will do the rest.

### THE SUNDAY BOYS.

On Sabbath morning their eyes were all up and down the street of people in their Sunday clothes. All orderly and neat. The world is very quiet and still. And no one makes a noise. For Sam and Joe, and Tom and Will, are Sunday little boys.

Their hats are perched very straight. Their faces shiny clean. They have a very steady gait. A very sober mien.

They hold their chins up stern and stiff. And think about their looks. The Sunday boys all seem as if they lived in story books.

Their hats are even on the head. Their hands are by the side. Their pockets spare and thin, instead of bulging full and wide. There has been given every one a banky square and white. To wipe his Sunday face upon. When Sunday skies are bright.

They do not whistle, do not play. They do not sing or shout. But march upon their way—steading strong and stout. Oh! All the world is still and sweet. And no one makes a noise. When all the boys upon the street are Sunday little boys.

Schoolmaster (at end of object lesson)—"Now, can any of you tell me what is water?" Small and Grubby Urchin—"Vloose, teacher, water's what turns black when you puts your 'ands in it!"

## Planting an Orchard

By F. H. PULLEN.

"As the result of my experience of a number of years of fruit growing I should advise a beginner to discard all advice given by anyone other than one who has grown fruit commercially on this coast. The advice of agents who are taking orders for trees counts for nothing, neither does that of people from Old Ontario, where the conditions are quite different from those obtaining here," said a prominent and successful man who has been in the business for years. "Because an apple takes first prize in England or at any of the Eastern shows does not mean that it could be made a success here. Much of the fruit shown in England is grown in Upper British Columbia,

house I would, if going into the business anew to-morrow, plant in the following quantities: Wealthy apples, 400 trees; Hyslop crabs, 100 trees; Bartlett pears, 300 trees; cherries, 200 trees; Italian prunes, 100 trees; Grand Duke plums, 100 trees; Englebert plums, 100 trees; total, 1,300 trees. "If near a city or suitable market I would plant small fruits between the rows of trees. For this purpose I recommend Lagoon strawberries, 2 acres; raspberries, 2 acres; Loganberries, 1 acre; red currants, half acre; Champion gooseberries, half acre; Victoria rhubarb, 1 acre. The remainder of the unplanted land might go to potatoes, as potato land is good

may do all the work except during the picking season. With small fruits the expense of picking is rather high, but apples, pears and plums do not cost much in that line."

From the above it will easily be seen that fruit growing stands well ahead of every other occupation in British Columbia. Those who have gone into the business with a desire to learn and with a determination to succeed have made money, and there have been few failures in spite of the fact that so much experimental work had to be done. The person who commences now has a great advantage over his predecessors, as he will profit by their ex-

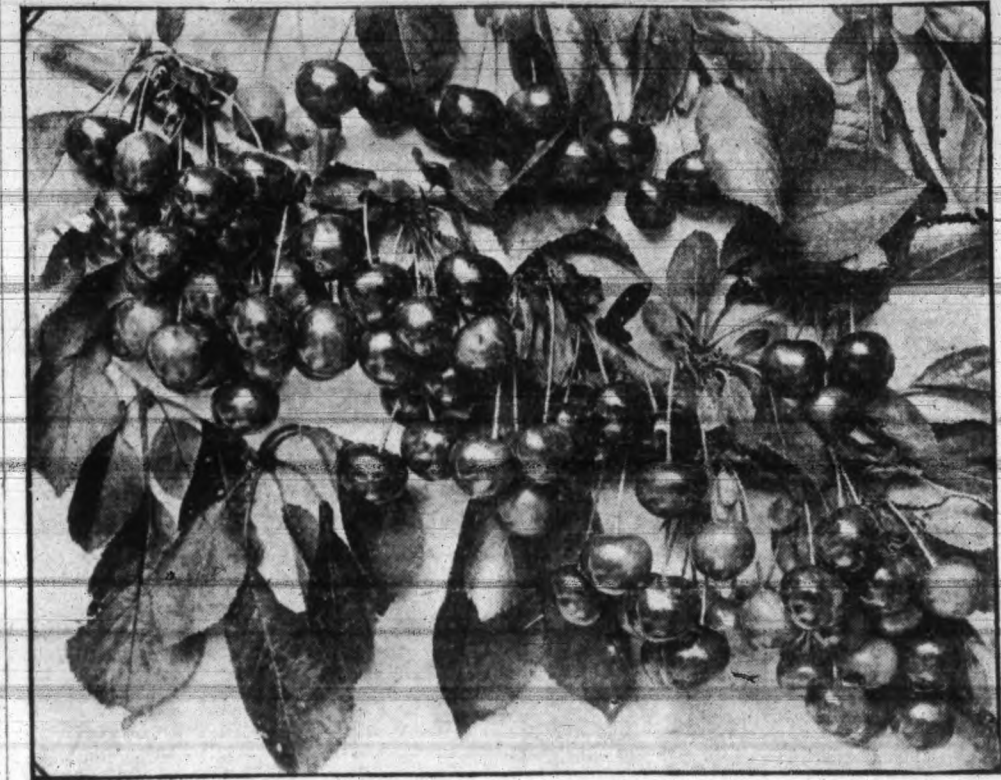


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VICTORIA CHERRIES THE FINEST IN THE WORLD.

where the conditions are very favorable for winter fruit. Here on the coast the summer and early fall varieties are the correct thing commercially. The winter fruit may be grown and with a large measure of success, but it cannot compete with that from the Okanagan and other up country points, where there is water for irrigation. Summer apples do not require irrigation, and the market for the early fruit is equally as good as for the later kinds, and there is no second-handing or storing to be done.

In choosing a location be sure that it is sheltered from prevailing winds, and not in a swamp. Fruit is apt to become injured or blown off the trees if too much exposed. The blossoms are sometimes injured before they are fertilized. Swamp lands are apt to be much colder than those that are high and dry, and therefore the fruit is liable to be affected by early frosts. If the lands are high, well drained, and planted with proper varieties, there is never any danger of frost injuring the blossoms.

"For soil, a good black or red loam fairly deep with a clay subsoil to hold the moisture, is the ideal thing. While the black loam is usually richer, the red soil gives apples a better color."

"There is a double purpose in draining. One is to carry off surplus water and the other to ventilate the soil. If the land is level the drains may be placed regularly sufficiently close together to carry off all stagnant water quickly. Often, however, the drainage depends on the slopes and hollows. Anything from 20 to 50 feet apart may do, according to the land.

"If the land is new it is well to grow a crop or two of grain or potatoes in order to get the soil thoroughly pulverized. Subsoil plowing is also an advantage, as land so treated holds the moisture more readily and the roots of the young trees are better able to penetrate. Usually, if the soil is of only average quality—no manure will be needed for the first few years.

"Practically all growers are now agreed that one-year trees are preferable to larger ones. By planting when small they may be properly trained, and they stand moving much better than later. Nothing is to be gained by hurrying. If the land is not bearing apples or plums, it will be growing strawberries or raspberries, which pay equally well, if not better, and it is wise to be slow and sure rather than fast and freaky. While spring planting is usually considered best, the trees are better planted carefully in the fall, than hurriedly in the spring, when there is so much other work to do.

"We plant all our trees 12 feet apart each way, thus giving 135 trees to the acre. This allows plenty of room to cultivate between the rows when they reach maturity. The holes are dug three feet wide and eighteen inches deep. They are then filled in to within about eight inches of the top with black soil. Around the trees the ground is well trodden, and the little trees pruned in order that they may become sturdy and not be affected by wind.

"What varieties would I plant? I would set half the patch to Wealthy apples. That is the only apple I would plant, except, perhaps, a few crabs. Last year these apples yielded twice as large a crop as any other, and this is a common occurrence. The Wealthy is undoubtedly the best commercial variety, and that is the one to plant. In order to leave room in the orchard for a

as a change off for strawberries, cereal crops should never be grown between fruit trees, as they not only use up the food that should go to the young trees, but the land, not being cultivated, becomes dried out and the trees suffer much from lack of moisture. As the trees grow the rows of small fruits will have to be decreased until at the end of about six years the trees will require all the ground.

"In an old orchard it is customary to plant a cover-crop of wheat and vetch for the winter. This plowed in the spring provides the trees with sufficient nitrogenous food. Besides this it prevents washing out during the winter rains.

"In order that a beginner may be able to calculate the cost of working an orchard, the following estimate of the season's cultivating and spraying is given:



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READY FOR THE TABLE—VICTORIA STRAWBERRIES, CRATED FOR THE MARKET. NOTE THEIR SIZE.

"If a cover crop is used plow lightly in the spring. If not then use the disc harrow, going over it two or three times, after that once each way with the drag harrow will put the land in good shape. At short intervals during the season the land may be cultivated with a pulverizing harrow, say four times altogether.

"The orchard must be sprayed in the fall with Bordeaux mixture, and in the spring with lime, salt and sulphur wash. Sometimes during summer it is necessary to spray part of the orchard with resin, soap and quassia for aphids. Older apples are seldom affected in this way, and therefore do not need the spray.

"After the first few years the orchard will need some artificial fertilizer every year unless stable manure can be procured. The ordinary B. mixture sold by the Victoria Chemical Company is as good as any.

"Of course besides cultivating and spraying, there is the expense of picking and packing the fruit, but there is no difficulty with the marketing, if the article is a good one as it should be. The gross revenue from an orchard of ten acres laid out as above should not be less than \$3,000 a year on an average, and with careful management it may be more. One industrious man

When I built castles of life like you; I used to fall and I used to know The stinging pain of the bruise and blow. The terrible gulping of doubts and fears, And the brave, bright battle to hold the tears.

What, ho! little fellow, just wait a while, Till the years of care and the years of trial Carry you ever so far away From the golden valleys of dream and play.

Please God, the wounds and the bruises—then, In the hard, cruel battle of men with men, Will find you stalwart and staunch and fine To fight back sorrow with faith divine; To hold the tears with a brave, tight clutch.

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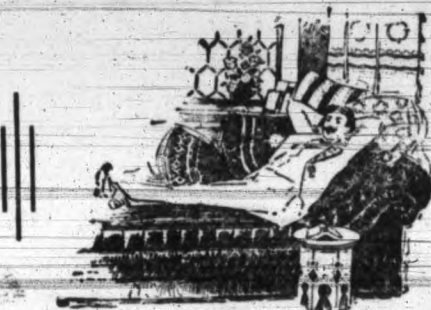
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